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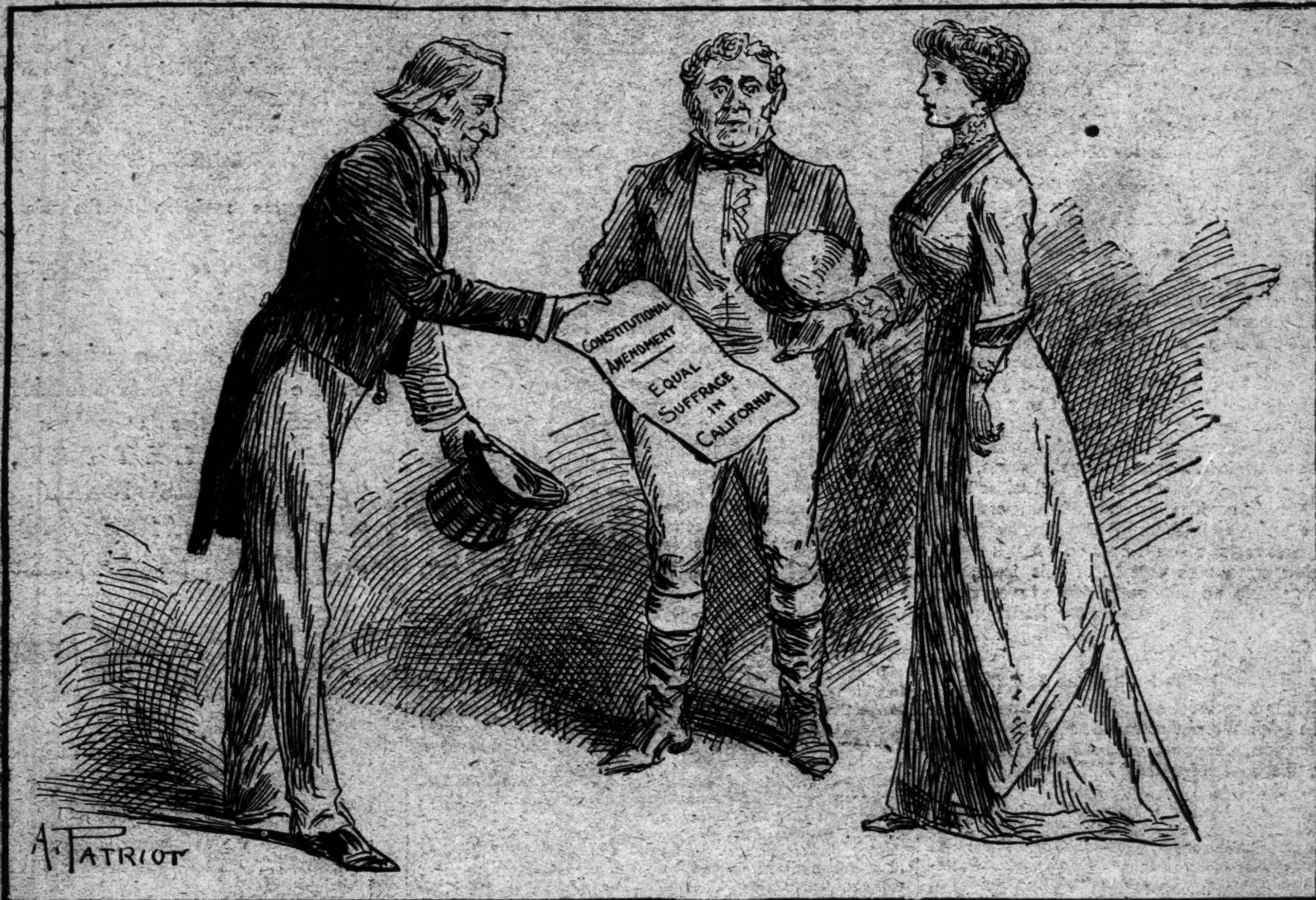
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THE VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA.



UNCLE SAM: I have the greatest pleasure in handing you this small token of my esteem and respect.

JOHN BULL (aside): I shall have to hurry up and enfranchise the women of my country or I shall get left behind.

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

The great victory in California has sent a thrill of joy to woman Suffragists in every part of the world. For the women's cause is not confined to one country, but is international, and success for some women somewhere is not merely a good omen for success for others elsewhere, but is of itself a success for all.

How the News Came.

The satisfaction at the final result was all the greater

in consequence of the misleading reports which were first published in this country. The poll took place on Tuesday, October 10, and the Wednesday evening papers contained the statement that the Suffragists had been defeated; next morning it was definitely announced in the Press that there was a majority of several thousands against Woman Suffrage. On Friday morning, however, a *Reuter* telegram appeared in the *Daily Mail* to the effect that the original reports were premature, that the returns from the country districts had reversed the original returns, which were from the cities only, and that there was a majority of 83 for the women, but that the returns were still incomplete. The first authentic news of the final result reached this country the same afternoon in the form of a cable from Mrs. Pankhurst: "Victory in California." This was confirmed by the reports in the Press on Saturday morning, which stated that the "equal Suffrage amendment" had been carried by several thousand votes. The New York correspondent of *The Times* added:—

California is the sixth State to grant the full suffrage to women. Possibly Kansas, where the Referendum is the subject pending, will make a seventh. While the cause has suffered recent reverses in Oregon, South Dakota, and Oklahoma, it is undoubtedly making headway in the rest.

A particularly interesting statement in view of the source from which it comes.

What the Victory Means.

California is the second largest in area of all the American States, and had a population of one and a-half millions in 1900. It is far the largest and most

important of the six American States which have "equal suffrage." Mrs. Humphry Ward, who up till recently promulgated the view that the cause of Woman Suffrage was retrogressing in U.S.A., now that she has been proved to be wrong, takes refuge in arguing in the *Standard* that the woman's vote in these States is less important than the local Government vote of Englishwomen in London and other cities. This comparison, based apparently on population, is entirely fallacious. The difference is absolute and complete. Whereas the women municipal voters in this country have a certain limited discretion in administering locally the laws made by Parliament, the women in the six suffrage States have equal powers with the men to make laws and control their execution. In the first place, within the limits of their own State they share equally with men in the election of the Governor and of the Upper and Lower House (which are legislative bodies, and not merely administering bodies, as are our County Councils); they have also the right to be elected to any of these positions. In the second place, they have equal rights with the men as regards the sovereign Federal Parliament of the United States: they vote for the members of the House of Representatives, they vote indirectly for the members of the United States Senate, and for the President. And they are themselves eligible for any of these positions.

Mr. Lloyd George and the M.P.U.

On Saturday last Mr. Lloyd George addressed a meeting for men only at Whitefield's Tabernacle, and defended the National Insurance Bill. Prior to the

meeting he had been asked by the Men's Political Union to receive a deputation from them on the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage and to make a statement with regard to it at the meeting. This he refused to do. Subsequently, however, the proposal was made on his behalf that if the M.P.U. would refrain from making interruptions during his speech he would receive a deputation at the close of the meeting. To this they ultimately agreed on the understanding that the Press would be present at the interview. Mr. Duval then pointed out that some members of the M.P.U. were already in the hall, and that in order to communicate the arrangement to them it would be necessary for him to be allowed on the platform to make a statement. This was also agreed to. But when Mr. Duval arrived at the hall he was stopped by the police and refused admittance, and accordingly there were a few interruptions. The majority of the members of the M.P.U., however, learnt of the arrangement and did not interrupt. At the close of the meeting the deputation was received.

The Chancellor on the Conciliation Bill.

The interview took the form of a discussion between Mr. Duval and Mr. Lloyd George as to his attitude towards the Conciliation Bill. Mr. Duval said that certain statements alleged to have been made by the Chancellor at a meeting of M.P.'s to consider the Bill had given anxiety to suffragists all over the country. These statements were to the effect

1. That he would try to amend the Bill so as to include the wives of all electors.
2. That if this amendment were carried the Bill would become so large that only the Government could carry it.
3. That the Government would not carry it, at any rate not in 1912.

Mr. Lloyd George said that it was disgraceful that anyone present at a private meeting of M.P.'s should go straightway and give his version to the Press of what was said there. These statements were not what he said, but were what a particular person thought was the effect of what he said. His views on the Conciliation Bill were well known, he thought it was the worst way of proceeding; he was not aware of any country where a Bill anything like the Conciliation Bill had been carried; he believed in enfranchising women on terms similar to those in Australia, New Zealand, and California. He was not satisfied that a Bill wider than the Conciliation Bill could not be carried in this country, and when the Bill was introduced next year he should certainly endeavour to widen its scope. A full report of the interview appears on page 35 of this issue, and in our leading article we state our attitude towards Mr. Lloyd George's reply. An interesting leader which appeared in the *Daily Graphic* will be found in full on page 35.

Woman Suffrage in the Irish Home Rule Bill.

An exceedingly important announcement comes from Ireland. The Irish Women's Franchise League, a non-party organisation, composed of both Unionists and Nationalists, have carried the following significant resolution:—

The Irish Women's Franchise League, believing that, in the interests of the country as a whole, women ought to be admitted to a share in the government of Ireland, demands that the proposed Home Rule Bill shall provide for the election of the members of an Irish Parliament upon the Local Government Register, which includes women as well as men, and bases this demand upon the following amongst other considerations:—

1. That should self-government be granted to the Irish people, the Imperial Government are not entitled to discriminate between the men and women of Ireland to the disadvantage of the women by leaving them politically helpless.
2. That since the claim for Home Rule is supported by the argument that "the mass of the Irish people have shown, through the system of local government, their ability, efficiently and economically, to manage their own affairs," it is unjust and inexpedient to deprive the women of the people of that share in national government which they are admitted to have taken so well in local government.
3. That any postponement of the enfranchisement of Irish women until after an Irish Parliament is constituted, besides being insulting to the women and a denial that their claim is as urgent as that of their countrymen, involves a needless and inevitable reopening in the future of a Constitutional issue which can most conveniently and most honourably be dealt with as part of a Home Rule Bill.

For these and other reasons, the Irish Women's Franchise League declares its determination to seek by every means in its power to secure the election of the first Irish Parliament upon the truly national basis afforded by the Local Government Register, and calls upon the members of the Irish Party and the Liberal Government to include a provision to this effect in the promised Home Rule Bill.

This claim of the Irish Women's Franchise League has the entire support of the Women's Social and Political Union, who are determined that whatever form of government exists in the United Kingdom sex shall not be a barrier to the exercise of the franchise. The passage of the Conciliation Bill will secure this so far as the Imperial Parliament is concerned, but in view of the introduction of the Home Rule Bill next year, it is necessary to insist separately on the inclusion of women in this measure. An exhaustive article dealing with the whole question, written by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, appears on page 41.

"The Standard's" Woman's Platform.

The great value to the Suffrage movement of the special page devoted to the Woman's Platform every day by *The*

Standard newspaper has been evident during the week, not only in the important special articles, but also in the regular publication of news and statements on current events which, with one or two honourable exceptions, had been previously almost entirely boycotted by the Press. Members of the W.S.P.U. and other Suffragists will not fail to recognise the importance of keeping themselves abreast of the times by daily study of the page in *The Standard*. Among the interesting articles which have appeared during the week has been a descriptive account, in Friday's issue, of the Women's Social and Political Union by Mrs. Tuke, which drew from "Chloe," who writes the Anti-Suffrage notes, the tribute that it "is indeed the tale of a wonderful organisation which, as an organisation, all must admire." Lord Lytton contributed an important article on Wednesday, in which he defended the Conciliation Bill. In the course of his article he made the following interesting statement:—

Sometimes the agitation for Woman Suffrage is falsely regarded, as if it were itself a symptom of sex-antagonism and an attempt on the part of women to usurp the duties of men and to wrest from them political power. If this were so, men would not be found, as they are at present, sympathising with the agitators, helping them and encouraging them.

If there is any feeling of hostility towards men among the women who are engaged in this struggle it is directed against the false ideal of womanhood, the false conception of woman's place in society and in the State, which once prevailed among the majority of men, and still survives among a few. If, on the other hand, there exists among the male opponents of the movement any hostility towards women, it comes only from those among whom that false conception of women as an inferior and dependent class still survives.

He concluded with an appeal for co-operation between men and women.

Mrs. Humphry Ward.

The most important contribution from the Anti-Suffragists is that written by Mrs. Humphry Ward, part of which appeared in *The Standard* of Tuesday. Suffragists will be amused at her suggestion that John Stuart Mill's famous book "The Subjection of Women" has now become an argument against Woman Suffrage, because women have succeeded in getting certain things put right without the vote. They realise that most of these were only secured by Woman Suffragists as a side result of the great woman's franchise agitation of last century, just as the great suffrage agitation of to-day has already won certain reforms. Suffragists do not say that no progress is possible without the vote; but that the quickest and only satisfactory way of securing reform is through the vote, and as each new decade brings new needs, the vote is at least as necessary to-day as when Mill wrote. Besides it is not merely to rectify grievances that the vote is required, but for larger opportunities of public service. Mrs. Humphry Ward goes on to try to persuade her readers that there is no connection between women's low wages and their voteless condition, and that only uneducated people can suppose such a connection to exist. We had supposed that Mr. Pethick Lawrence had finally disposed of this fallacy, and shown, on strict economic grounds, that wages depended largely on what the vote could do. If there are any of our readers who are still doubtful on this point, we recommend them to obtain his pamphlet "Women's Votes and Wages," which can be bought for a penny from the Woman's Press.

Mr. Lloyd George and Insurance for Women.

In the course of his speech at the Whitefield Tabernacle, to which we have already alluded, Mr. Lloyd George referred to the position of women under the Insurance Bill, and succeeded, to his own satisfaction, in proving that women were actually better off than men. As men exclusively formed the audience, he even succeeded in persuading some of his hearers to the same effect. He argued that under the Bill while men pay 4d. themselves and get 3d. from the employer and 2d. from the State, women pay only 3d. and still get 3d. from the employer and 2d. from the State. The fallacy of this argument is two-fold; first, the full value of the benefits does not come to the ordinary working woman, who only gets 7s. 6d. sickness benefit, as against 10s. for the man, the rest of the money going to make up a special insurance for certain widows which ought not to be a charge on the women's fund; secondly, his figures only apply to the cases where women are earning more than 15s. a week. Where they are earning less than that they pay the same premium as men earning the same wage and only receive three-quarters of the men's benefit. Our principal charge against the Bill, however, is that it makes no provision for married women, and that it does not protect the widow and orphan as the original scheme drawn up by the friendly societies did. Mr. Lloyd George promises certain amendments with regard to these points. When these amendments are tabulated, we shall be in a position to judge how far they really meet the case. It must be perfectly clear that what is required is a complete revision of the whole scheme as it affects women. So far as we can see this cannot be done without redrafting the whole Bill.

The By-election at Keighley.

Mr. Ackworth, the Conservative, and Mr. Anderson, the Labour candidate, have both given satisfactory assurances with regard to the Conciliation Bill, but Mr. Buckmaster, the Liberal candidate, though promising to vote for it, reserves to himself the right to support amendments, and does not undertake to follow the lead of the Conciliation Committee. Unless a more satisfactory assurance can be obtained from him he will be opposed by the W.S.P.U.

Items of Interest.

Mr. Hawkins has won his case against the Liberal Stewards, the appeal against the judgment having been withdrawn on the eve of coming into Court. Mr. Hawkins, therefore, secures £100 damages and costs in the action and appeal.

Mrs. Pankhurst arrived in America last week, and was due to hold her first important meeting on Tuesday last in Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is speaking this week in Wales, and next week in Scotland.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst has been addressing special meetings in Ireland on the Irish situation.

As we went to press on Wednesday Miss Annie Kenney was holding an important meeting of pit-brow women, at which several of the girls were expected to speak; a special report will be given in our next issue.

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND THE CONCILIATION BILL.

The Chancellor Declares his Views to a Deputation of the Men's Political Union.

An important statement was made on Saturday last by Mr. Lloyd George to a deputation of the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement. As will be seen from the account given below, the Chancellor at first refused to see the deputation, but subsequently undertook to do so provided the M.P.U. did not interrupt his speech on the Insurance Bill. This arrangement was adhered to by the M.P.U. except in so far as it was rendered impossible by the refusal of those in authority to allow Mr. Duval to enter the hall to explain the position to those members who had already entered.

The gist of Mr. Lloyd George's reply to the deputation was, firstly, that he disapproved of publicity being given to the proceedings in the House of Commons in July when he addressed a gathering of Members of Parliament on the Conciliation Bill; and, secondly, that the account given by VOTES FOR WOMEN was erroneous. He did not, however, make any attempt to show that the statements attributed to him are other than a true presentment of the facts of the position. The whole matter is fully dealt with in our leading article this week.

On Friday last the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement asked Mr. Lloyd George if he would receive a deputation from the Committee on the subject of the Conciliation Bill prior to his meeting last Saturday in Whitefield's Tabernacle. The following correspondence took place between Mr. Cameron-Swan, the Parliamentary Secretary of the Men's Political Union, and Mr. John Rowlands, private secretary to Mr. Lloyd George.

13, Buckingham Street,
Strand, W.C.
October 13, 1911.

DEAR SIR,—In view of the meeting to be held at Whitefield's Tabernacle on Saturday, our Committee are anxious to take this opportunity of inquiring of Mr. Lloyd George personally what attitude he intends to take up in regard to the Conciliation Bill, as there is much misunderstanding, and possible misconception, about his bringing in or supporting wrecking amendments to the Bill. It is proposed that a small deputation of three or four (including myself) should wait upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer before the meeting. For this purpose I wrote to the Rev. Mr. Silvester Horne asking him if he would oblige by securing us an interview, but his private secretary has referred us to you, and I therefore ask if you will kindly lay our proposal before the Chancellor of the Exchequer—namely, that he should receive us for a few minutes prior to the meeting in order to enable him to make a pronouncement on this important matter in his address.

Yours truly,
(Signed) D. CAMERON-SWAN,
Hon. Parliamentary Secretary.

To this Mr. Rowlands replied as follows:—
Treasury Chambers,
Whitehall, S.W.
October 13, 1911.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, I beg to inform you that it will be quite impossible for Mr. Lloyd George to receive a deputation from your Union to-morrow, as his speech at Whitefield's will be confined to the National Insurance Bill.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) JOHN ROWLANDS.

On Saturday morning, about an hour before the doors opened at Whitefield's Tabernacle, Mr. Duval was telephoned to by the Treasury to ask if the Men's Political Union would consent to a deputation being received after the meeting; only on the terms that men who went to the meeting with the object of asking questions of Mr. Lloyd George about the Conciliation Bill would refrain from protesting. As the Men's Political Union were anxious to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer before the meeting, and to ask him to make a statement during the course of his speech on the Conciliation Bill, the offer from the Treasury was at first declined.

Agreement Reached.

Negotiations, however, were reopened, and the Men's Political Union agreed that they would see Mr. Lloyd George on a deputation after the meeting, and would withdraw their forces from the meeting only on the following conditions: First, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would agree to the Press being present, and would deal with each point raised by the deputation, and also make a final pronouncement; secondly, that as many of the members of the Men's Political Union were already in the hall, it was arranged that Mr. Duval should be allowed to go on the platform, and to ask them to desist from interrupting, in view of the fact that Mr. Lloyd George had agreed to receive the deputation after the meeting.

Mr. Duval then went to Whitefield's Tabernacle, but owing to the refusal of admission by police and detectives he was unable to make this announcement from the platform,

and therefore, in spite of an appeal made by the chairman (the Rev. Silvester Horne), several protests were made by members of the Men's Political Union, who were subsequently ejected.

THE DEPUTATION.

After waiting until the meeting was over, Mr. Cameron-Swan, Mr. Victor D. Duval, and Mr. Hugh A. Franklin were received by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was accompanied by Mr. Masterman and the Rev. Silvester Horne, in the library.

Mr. Cameron-Swan, as Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, introduced the deputation, and called upon Mr. Duval to state the objects of the visit.

Having explained the reason for the disturbances in the meeting to which Mr. Lloyd George referred at the opening of the discussion, Mr. Duval said they were there because of the anxiety among Suffragists all over the country who were under the impression—rightly or wrongly—an impression which he hoped the Chancellor would remove presently, that he made certain statements in the House of Commons in July of this year at a meeting of Liberal Suffragist members of Parliament.

Mr. Lloyd George: Who said so?

Mr. Duval: Liberal Suffragist M.P.'s who were present at the meeting.

Mr. Lloyd George: Well, all I can say is that it is a very disgraceful thing. If I had thought I was not dealing with honourable men I should have taken a shorthand writer, because statements I am represented to have made are absolutely erroneous. It is a very disgraceful thing. I am prepared to make myself perfectly clear, but I do object to luring a Minister into what is a private meeting where there is no shorthand writer to take a fair record. It is a very disgraceful and abominable thing. There were forty or fifty people present, and who is to challenge our memories as to what took place some months ago? Parliamentary life will be impossible, and I hope if the women get into Parliament that will not be their method in dealing with private conferences, when they seek to talk Parliamentary business.

Mr. Duval said that special attention would not have been paid to these statements had they come from a private member of Parliament, but being attributed to a responsible Minister of the Crown holding high office, it was only natural that Suffragists should have desired an explanation. Mr. Duval said the three questions he wished Mr. Lloyd George to answer were: (1) Whether he said he would try to widen the Conciliation Bill by extending the vote to wives of all electors; (2) that if the amendments were carried the Bill would become so large that only the Government could carry it; and (3) did he say that the Government would not carry the Conciliation Bill, at any rate not in 1912?

Mr. Lloyd George's Reply.

Mr. Lloyd George—I may say at once that I object to being cross-examined as to a speech which I made at a private meeting, therefore I shall not answer it in the form as to whether I made such and such a statement at that meeting, because if I do it would sanction a practice which, I think, would put an end to some of the most useful conferences that take place within the four walls of Parliament—the kind of interviews and conferences between members who talk free about subjects of public interest without reporting to the Press. It would put an end to such useful conferences if it were known that a member who came there, knowing it was private, would go straight to a newspaper and print his version. I spoke at that meeting for half an hour or forty minutes, and these things set out are not what I said, but what a particular person thought was the effect of what I said. I have never concealed my views on the Conciliation Bill. I told my constituents at the last election what my view was. I am in favour of the suffrage. I am strongly in favour of the suffrage. I do not think that there is any argument against it that I have ever heard yet, but I am in favour of the suffrage on the only terms on which it has been given in any democratic country. I am in favour of the suffrage on the exact terms in which it has been given in New Zealand and Australia, the terms on which it will be given in California if the Bill passes, and in some other States. I am not aware of any other civilised country where anything like the Conciliation Bill has ever been carried, and, therefore, because I believe the effect of it will be to put undue weight and unfair weight in certain directions, I try to get a fair representation, as it were, of the whole of the women in this country. For that reason I think the Conciliation Bill is the very worst way of pro-

ceeding. I know you will say it establishes a principle. Well, I think it establishes a principle in such a way that it will make it much more difficult to extend it. I am not convinced yet that it is easier to carry this than to carry the larger Bill. I agree that eventually if after a very fair trial it is found absolutely impossible to carry anything else, I shall certainly consider that as one of the effects, but if I were to say so now, that is one way of preventing the larger measure being carried. I shall work for the larger Bill until I am convinced that it cannot be carried in this country. I am just as much entitled to my opinion on that subject as any other suffrage supporter. You have never tested the other yet. There are men who have come to the conclusion that you have, but I have not come to that conclusion. Next year we shall have a very fair test and a very good test, then I shall judge upon the circumstances. You may take it from me that I am not in any conspiracy, as has been said, to thwart the women's movement. I would not enter a conspiracy of that kind. I would like to see the women of the country having votes, because I feel the Insurance Bill would have a better chance if the women had votes, because it affects them much more intimately than it does the men. I shall wait until the Bill appears in the House of Commons. I shall then take part undoubtedly in an endeavour to widen the basis of the Bill. I decline absolutely to accept the theory that any attempt of that kind is treachery to the women's cause. I shall not depart from the position I took up at the election until I am convinced that this is the only practical method of getting the suffrage recognised in this country for some time.

Discussion of Mr. Lloyd George's Attitude.

Mr. Duval then drew attention to the fact that the Conciliation Bill would extend representation to those households at present entirely unrepresented, and was therefore quite democratic. He also reminded the Chancellor that the men's franchises had been won by instalments, after severe struggling, and instanced the Bills of 1831, 1867, and 1884. In reference to the last, he emphasised Mr. W. E. Gladstone's statement, made to certain Liberal friends when he was about to pass this Bill (for enfranchising agricultural labourers), that he did not mind what support he lost or how many votes would go against him. If they wanted the vote, and it was just that they should have it, then it must be given to them.

Mr. Lloyd George heartily assented to this, and said he agreed with every word, and Mr. Duval added that even if only one woman were enfranchised, then the principle would be established. It was not possible in his opinion to widen the Bill and pass it.

Mr. Lloyd George: How do you know?

Mr. Duval: In the first place the 70 or 80 Conservatives who voted for the Conciliation Bill last May, as well as the milder Liberals, would in a body vote against it were any widening amendments such as you propose embodied in the Bill; and secondly, one has only to turn to the voting lists of Mr. Geoffrey Howard's Adult Suffrage Bill to understand this.

The Chancellor here turned to Mr. Masterman to ask him in regard to the success of this Bill, and remarked that it had passed its second reading.

Mr. Duval thereupon compared the majority given the Adult Suffrage measure with the majorities accorded the Conciliation Bills, and pointed to the difference in the constitution of parties in the House of Commons on these two occasions. He considered that the larger scheme was not practicable, and would never go through.

Mr. Lloyd George: I have no doubt that you are a much better authority on what is practicable than I am. If I may say so, the supporters of the Conciliation Bill are behaving in such a way that I honestly believe that if we succeed in getting the larger Bill they will turn round and say we are traitors.

Mr. Franklyn: No, no.

Mr. Lloyd George (warmly): Don't you hinder the women's movement. That is what you are doing. We are trying to get millions of women enfranchised, and you all say: "No. We are only taking a million."

Mr. Cameron-Swan then thanked Mr. Lloyd George on behalf of the deputation for the courtesy extended during the reception, and the proceedings terminated.

A PRESS COMMENT.

THE "DAILY GRAPHIC."

In a leading article on October 16, the Daily Graphic said:—

"After his prolonged rhetorical defence of the Insurance Bill Mr. Lloyd George received a deputation on the subject of Women's Suffrage. The purpose of the deputation was to urge him to support the measure known as the Conciliation Bill. He refused to do so, on the ground that the Bill is insufficiently democratic. That is an answer which may serve very well from the point of view of the Radical politician who wishes to get rid of an awkward subject, but it is almost an insult to the women and their friends in the House of Commons who have been working for years to secure a practical measure. As has often been pointed out in these columns, the real obstacle in the way of Women's Suffrage is not the opposition of men to the idea that women should have a vote. That opposition has already been to a large extent overcome, and is rapidly losing

whatever force it once had. The real obstacle is the difficulty of deciding what women are to be enfranchised. Conservatives, in their party interest, would prefer an enfranchisement limited to women who pay rates and taxes; Liberals and Socialists, equally for the sake of their party interest, declare that if any women are enfranchised all must be—a proposition which would involve swamping the existing electorate with a majority of female voters. In view of these conflicting party interests, the active supporters of Women's Suffrage, including Conservatives, Liberals, and Socialists, have, after much consideration, drawn up a compromise measure which would enfranchise nearly a million women. This is the only practicable scheme before the country, and Mr. Lloyd George's refusal to support it must be taken as a definite declaration of hostility by the Government."

LETTER FROM THE REV. STANLEY JAMES.

Previous to the meeting in Whitefield's Tabernacle, in addition to the letters quoted above, a letter was sent to Mr. Lloyd George by the Rev. Stanley B. James, asking the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make a statement on the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage at the meeting. In the course of his letter, Mr. James said:—

"From time to time you have made statements of your views with regard to the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage. Unhappily, these statements have made an anything but favourable impression upon the minds of the great mass of the men and women engaged in the movement for women's enfranchisement. Your policy, so far as they can gather it, seems to them to be fatal to their object of securing that women shall vote at the next General Election. . . . It is understood—and it is the cause of very general regret—that you favour the extension to the Conciliation Bill in Committee by the addition of an amendment enfranchising the wives of all electors in virtue of their husband's qualification. This proposal, however desirable from the theoretical point of view, would not command the support of moderate Suffragists, either Liberal or Unionist, and the Conciliation Bill thus extended could not pass its third reading. In advocating the adoption of this amendment in Committee, you are reported to have said to a meeting of Liberal Suffragist members of Parliament held in the House of Commons some time ago:—'Firstly, that the Conciliation Bill so altered could not be carried unless the Government were to take it up; and secondly, that the Government would not be prepared to do this in the Session of 1912. The position, therefore, seems to be that the adoption of the proposed amendment in Committee would be to prevent the Conciliation Bill from being carried through the Commons next session, with the further result that the Bill would lose the protection of the Parliament Act, and might—and as I believe, would—be held up by the House of Lords until the next Parliament, when it is to be feared the same situation would recur, and so on ad infinitum. . . . It may be that there is no ground for the fears entertained by Suffragists, and that your previous utterances have been misunderstood. If, on the occasion of your forthcoming speech at Whitefield's Tabernacle, you could possibly give a message of reassurance to the many interested in the fate of the Conciliation Bill it would cause universal satisfaction."

A SPECIAL LEAFLET.

A special leaflet had been prepared by the W.S.P.U.; a copy of this was handed to each member of the audience on entering the hall. The leaflet was headed "Is Lloyd George a Wrecker?" and it concluded:—

But Mr. Lloyd George has himself admitted that his Amendment will wreck the Conciliation Bill. This confession he made at a meeting of Liberal Suffragist M.P.'s, held last July in the House of Commons. At that meeting he made the following statements:—

- (1) That he would try to widen the Conciliation Bill in the manner described above [by promoting an amendment to give a vote to the wife of every elector, whether she had a qualification of her own or not].
- (2) That if his amendment were carried, the Bill would become so large that only the Government could carry it. But
- (3) That the Government would not carry it; at any rate not in 1912.

What does this mean? It means that if Mr. Lloyd George's amendment were carried, the Bill, being prevented from getting through the Commons next year, would lose the protection of the Parliament Act, and could be held up by the House of Lords until after the General Election. For the Parliament Act protects only those Bills introduced in the first two years of a Parliament, and 1912 is the second year of the present Parliament. Consequently, if Mr. Lloyd George's scheme were successful, women would not get the Vote during this Parliament. This is precisely the object which Mr. Lloyd George has in view. He does not want women to get the Vote during this Parliament. He stands self-convicted as a wrecker.

INSIDE THE HALL.

As reported above, several men were thrown out during the meeting. Mr. Abbey sends the following report of his ejection:—

"The chairman, on rising, made a preliminary statement that he understood there were a number of people in the hall who wished Mr. Lloyd George to say something upon a question entirely different from that for which the meeting was held, but Mr. Lloyd George had promised to receive a deputation at the close of the meeting; he therefore appealed for a fair and attentive hearing. A few minutes after Mr. Lloyd George had risen I got up from the side of the hall and asked him: 'Why are you trying to wreck the Conciliation Bill?' at the same time holding up the small banner inscribed, 'Don't Wreck the Conciliation Bill,' and facing the audience so that all could see it. There was an immediate uproar—the banner was wrenched out of my grasp, but I continued to call out: 'Let Mr. Lloyd George make a statement.' He did say something, I believe, but not very loud, so that no one heard him, and as the chairman did not intervene I was immediately dragged out of the hall."

A GREAT WELSHMAN.

They are waking, they are waking,
In the East and in the West,
They are throwing wide their windows to the
sun;
And they see the dawn is breaking,
And they quiver with unrest,
For they know their work is waiting to be
done.

—Eliza Wheeler Wilcox.

The star-spangled banners of the United States mingled with the purple, white, and green of the W.S.P.U. at the London Pavilion last Monday afternoon. The great victory in California, the coming struggle in Ireland, and the interview of the Men's Political Union with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Saturday last made the meeting one of exceptional importance, and inspired the audience with even more than the ordinary lively expectation of good things. Miss Martha Cunningham, the well-known American singer, had been greeted upon her arrival in England on Saturday night with an invitation to help in Monday's rejoicings over the Californian victory, and her ready acceptance and her delightful singing of "The Awakening of Women" were thoroughly appreciated. Miss Edyth Olive followed with some charming recitations, and then the business of the afternoon began. Miss Christabel Pankhurst dealt with the situation in Ireland, and with the encounter with Mr.

THE BY-ELECTION.

YORKSHIRE (KEIGHLEY).
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms: 24, Church Green.
W.S.P.U. Organiser: Miss Mary Phillips, 15, Holker Street.
Candidates:
Mr. W. M. Ackworth, (C)
Mr. Buckmaster, K.C. (L)
Mr. W. Crawford Anderson, (Lab.)
Result at General Election 1910:—Sir J. Briggs (L), Unopposed.

Polling Day, Friday, Oct. 27.

In our last week's issue we announced that both Mr. Ackworth and Mr. Anderson had been approached, and that they had given satisfactory assurances with regard to the Conciliation Bill. Mr. Buckmaster, the Liberal Candidate, has now been seen by Miss Mary Phillips, the W.S.P.U. organiser, and he has refused to give any undertaking to accept the leadership of the Conciliation Committee with regard to amendments which they may consider detrimental to the progress of the measure. Under these circumstances, the W.S.P.U. can only regard Mr. Buckmaster as likely to be a hindrance to the passage of the Bill through the House Commons if he is returned, as there is no assurance that he will not support wrecking amendments. Accordingly they will throw their influence against him unless before he goes to the poll he is prepared to give the necessary undertaking. An active campaign is already in progress.

Fri., Oct. 20.—Keighley, Town Hall Square, 7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 25.—Thornton, Mechanics' Institute, 7.30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 26.—Keighley, Town Hall Square, 12.30 p.m.; Lower Temperance Hall, 7.30 p.m.

VICTORY FOR MR. HAWKINS.

Appeal Withdrawn.

We have great pleasure in announcing that the appeal against the decision by which Mr. Hawkins secured £100 compensation for the injury to his leg caused by his forcible ejection from a meeting in Bradford has been withdrawn. The original judgment accordingly stands. The defendants, the Committee of Liberal Stewards, will have to pay the damages of £100, and also costs in the action and the appeal.

While rejoicing exceedingly in the result, we cannot but deplore the action of the defendants in keeping Mr. Hawkins out of his compensation money during all these months, when, as they now admit, the case for appeal was not sufficiently good even to be taken into court.

The facts of the case, it will be remembered, were as follows:—

At a meeting at Bradford, on November 26, 1910, addressed by Mr. Winston Churchill and convened by the League of Young Liberals, Mr. Hawkins, a member of the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement, was thrown out for heckling Mr. Churchill in the course of his speech. His leg was broken in several places, and the case was taken into court, Mr. Hawkins making a claim against the Liberal stewards for damages. A very interesting part of the case was the summing up of the judge, in which he laid it down that forcible ejection was unlawful in the

MRS. PETHICK LAWRENCE ON THE INSURANCE BILL.

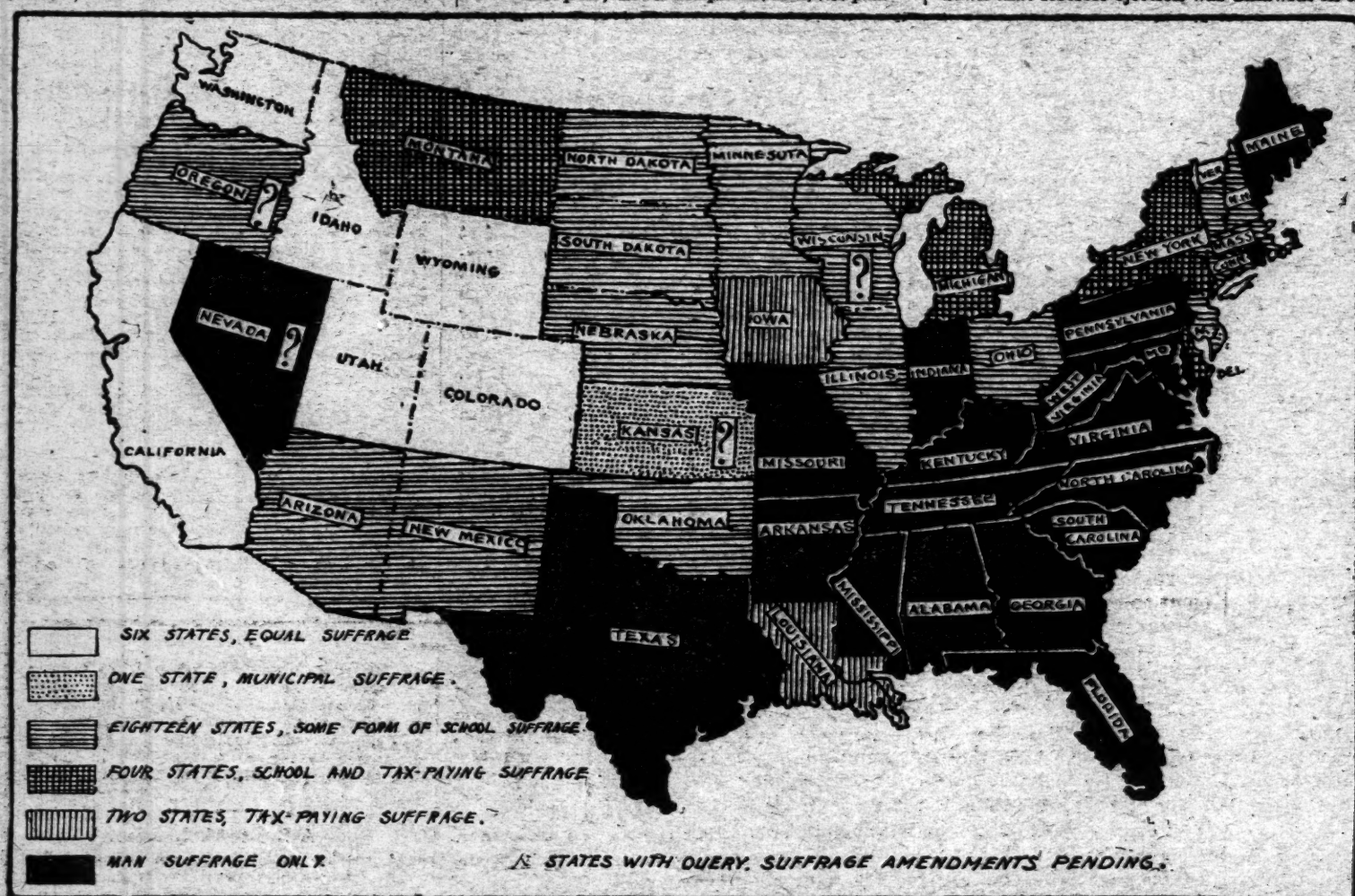
The announcement that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence would speak on the Insurance Bill at Steinway Hall on Thursday evening last aroused much interest among the public, and numbers of new faces were again to be seen at the meeting.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in her opening remarks, welcomed the strangers, and explained for their benefit the fact that one man or one woman having the vote did not make much difference, but that what did make a difference was that one section of the community should be unrepresented when laws were made which affected the whole. "The moment you get one section unrepresented," said Mrs. Lawrence, "you get a section whose rights can be squeezed, whose claims can be neglected, and whose interests can be forgotten." To take one concrete instance now before Parliament, one had only to look at the National Insurance Bill to realise how women's interests are neglected. Mrs. Lawrence then dealt with the Bill in a manner which brought home to her hearers how infamous the Bill is as it affects women. In the first place, with regard to unemployment, though the tax was to be paid by men and by women, Mr. Lloyd George had selected certain trades in which men only were employed. Then in reference to sickness, the working-class community was divided into four classes—viz., (1) the people who worked for wages; (2) those who worked on their own account, such as blacksmiths, shoemakers, and the sweated home worker; (3) those who worked very hard without wages or any monetary reward whatever, for instance, the working-man's wife; and (4) babies and the aged and infirm. The first class were obliged to put away a certain premium out of their wages every week, and in this connection it might be noted that with a few exceptions the friendly societies would not admit women, and they would then be compelled to insure under the Post Office scheme, which was not insurance, but compulsory thrift, and entirely unsatisfactory. The second class came in as voluntary contributors, and the third were classed under the Bill with babies and the aged, and the State admitted no direct responsibility to them.

The benefits of the Bill were that every insurer would get a certain sum of money, free medical attendance, free medicine, and the right to go to a sanatorium. The sum paid for all this, by men earning over 15s. a week, was 4d., employer 3d., State 2d., total, 9d.; by women earning the same amount 3d., employer 3d., State 2d., total 8d., in return for which the man in time of sickness receives 10s. a week, the woman 7s. 6d. a week. Men and women earning under 15s. paid exactly the same, and yet the man when ill received 10s. a week and the woman 7s. 6d. This differentiation between the sexes, especially when men and women were paying exactly the same premium, was absolutely unfair, and would not have been made if women had had the vote.

Mrs. Lawrence then showed how badly domestic servants would fare, and when one remembers that 33 out of every 100 wage-earners are in domestic service one realises that the interests of women are indeed forgotten by the legislators of our country. That the Bill had been altered to give a larger sickness benefit to men at the expense of widows and orphans, and in this way to attract the voting support of working men, was pointed out by Mrs. Lawrence, who read from the September issue of *Unity* the original scheme of State insurance arranged between the National Conference of Friendly Societies and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and approved by the former. This included benefits chargeable to the man's insurance on behalf of widows and orphans, and provided for (a) a weekly allowance of 5s. for every widow having a child or children dependent upon her, to be continued until such child or the youngest child of such children, attained the age of sixteen; (b) a weekly allowance of 1s. 6d. for every fatherless child under sixteen until attaining that age, whether the mother survives or not.

Mrs. Marshall presided, and Miss Gwen Richards also spoke.



MAP OF THE UNITED STATES SHOWING HOW FAR WOMEN POSSESS SUFFRAGE RIGHTS.

Lloyd George, and it was noticeable that every reference to militancy was warmly applauded from all over the theatre.

Mr. Lloyd George, Miss Pankhurst reminded her audience, is not the only Welshman who has views on the Woman Suffrage question. Mr. Ellis Griffith, M.P., the leader of the Welsh party, is a good and trusty friend of the Conciliation Bill, and has promised to speak for the W.S.P.U. at the great meeting in the Albert Hall on November 16. "Mr. Ellis Griffith, in identifying himself with us and with the Conciliation Bill, is doing a very great service, and his views are of the utmost importance. Every member of the W.S.P.U. ought to be present, and bring several friends with her to hear his speech. We intend to show that when a Welshman shows himself a true friend to our cause we know how to give him a welcome." Miss Pankhurst then explained the attitude of the W.S.P.U. towards Mr. Lloyd George's statement along the lines which are fully set out in our leading article this week. She then made a statement with regard to the Irish women's demand for inclusion in the Home Rule Bill, which she has amplified in the article on page 41 of this issue.

"We are prepared to put everything that we have and are at the disposal of the Irish women for the historic fight: it is not only Votes for Women through the Conciliation Bill, but it is also Votes for Women as part of the Government measure for Home Rule." And the meeting passed, without one dissentient, the resolution of sympathy with the women of Ireland in their fight.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, after an interesting study of Mr. Lloyd George's dual character, criticised the Insurance Bill, a subject with which she dealt also at the Steinway Hall Thursday evening meeting (see 4th column).

The article by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence which attracted so much attention: "Does a Man Support His Wife?" has been translated into Italian and has recently appeared in *L'Alleanza* of Pavia.

MRS. PANKHURST IN AMERICA.

So great a crowd assembled to meet Mrs. Pankhurst when the *Oceanic* arrived at New York last week, that the Customs officials, fearing the result, granted passes only to four members of an informal committee of welcome, and the others awaited her in the street. Mrs. Pankhurst's first inquiry was about the result of the Californian election, after which she was questioned about the progress of the movement in England and the Italo-Turkish war!

"It is not true that we have bargained to drop our militant programme. We have merely declared a truce while waiting for a hearing. All the progress we have made is the result of our militant methods. I have certainly not been a party to any bargain in that respect," was her answer to questions as to the "truce."

MISS MALECKA.

The following letter, dated October 12, has been received by a friend of Miss Malecka's from the Foreign Office:—"I am directed by Sir Edward Grey to inform you, with reference to the letter from this department, of June 26 last, that His Majesty's Consul at Warsaw reports in a telegram, dated this day, that the Russian authorities are prepared to release Miss Kate Malecka on bail in a surety of £2,000. This sum should reach His Majesty's Consul within ten days." Miss Malecka, the daughter of a British subject, who was arrested on a vague political charge, has now been in prison since last April.

"SUPPORTED BY HER HUSBAND."

Woman at Highgate.—My husband was out of work for eighteen months. Then he was given work, but in a month or two he threw it up. We have six children, and I said, "As you won't go to work, will you stay at home and mind the children, while I go to work?" He said, "No," and now goes out at eight in the morning, and returns at midnight.

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case of interruptions during a speech. The jury awarded Mr. Hawkins £100 damages, but the defendants appealed on various grounds. This appeal they have now withdrawn on the eve of the hearing in Court.

We are glad to hear that Dr. Ethel Smyth will address the newly-formed Society of Women Musicians early in the new year.

Miss Thould, of Weston-super-Mare, has beaten the world's swimming record for 300 metres. The official time was 5min. 33.3-5sec.

THE "PRESS BOYCOT," and "CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE."

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THE LATCHKEY VOTE.

Little Change this Year.

The famous latchkey decision (Kent v. Fittall No. 5), from which so much was feared, has after all proved to be comparatively harmless. Whatever result it might in theory produce if ever it were allowed to become fully operative, the fact is, that this year it has had virtually no result at all. Save in three or four constituencies where special conditions prevail, the register for 1912 will not differ appreciably from the register for 1911. Inquiries have been made by the representatives of the Women's Social and Political Union in a great number of constituencies up and down the country from town clerks and party agents and their reports are now sufficiently complete to justify a general statement.

The explanation is twofold. In the first place, the decision came late, after work had already begun in preparing the register; it is in itself an offence to common sense, and it suits the interests of neither party. The Liberal and Conservative agents accordingly agreed in many places to ignore the decision. No objections were raised to latchkey voters, and their names remain on the register. In another large group of constituencies the latchkey voter never has been recognised, or else the housing conditions are such that he does not exist. This is generally true of towns in the North of England, and of rural districts everywhere. Moreover since agents have rarely taken much trouble to press latchkey claims on behalf of women municipal voters, they are even less affected than men by the new conditions.

In London.

The results may be classified as follows:—There has been NO CHANGE at all in any of the following constituencies:—

LONDON. Islington (four divisions), Hampstead, Kensington (North and South), Chelsea.

In Finsbury and Tower Hamlets no women had ever been registered as latchkey voters.

In North-East Bethnal Green no women were affected.

GREATER LONDON. Harrow
Lewisham
Woolwich

Provincial Towns.

In the following provincial towns the decision was ignored, and no objections raised either against men or women latchkey voters:—

Portsmouth	York	Sheffield
Falmouth	Bristol	Birmingham
Reading	Nottingham	Burton-on-Trent
Bournemouth	Coventry	Dudley
Lichfield	Shrewsbury	Stoke-on-Trent
Walsall	Worcester	Stroud
Clacton-on-Sea	Ipswich	Halifax
Huddersfield	Liverpool	Harrogate
Newcastle	Jarrow	North Shields
Sunderland	Gateshead	South Shields

In several of the above places, e.g., Liverpool, Ipswich, and in most of the Yorkshire towns, the decision would make no change, even if it were strictly followed.

Rural Constituencies.

The effect in rural constituencies has generally been negligible. One name was struck off in South-west Warwickshire; in West Somerset three men, but no women, were struck off. In Redhill (Surrey) the agents agreed not to raise objections. In North Herts and North-west Wilts there was no change.

Slight Changes.

In some places where men have suffered in some degree, women are practically unaffected. Thus, in Southampton, where at most ten men are affected, no women are concerned. In Croydon, where about 100 men are affected, six women have been struck off the register. In Dartmouth 33 men were struck off, but no women. In Taunton two men and no women were struck off.

Exceptional Cases.

It remains to record three apparently exceptional cases in which the decision has already had a considerable effect. (1) In Plymouth 2,958 men and 946 women were struck off the municipal register, and the total of women voters has fallen from 3,787 to 2,841. About half of the men have secured their Parliamentary votes as lodgers. (2) In Monmouth Burghs the total number of voters disqualified was 2,300. (3) In St. Pancras the decision has been scrupulously obeyed, and the total number of electors on the register has fallen in consequence from 41,969 to 34,039.

Conclusion.

The conclusions from this survey are generally that the Latchkey Decision has had singularly little effect this year, and in the North of England could not at the worst make much change. In the South it would eventually cause considerable havoc in the towns if it were to be strictly applied. But the delay of a year at least ought to mean that the latchkey voter, man or woman, who really cares about the vote can secure it by insisting on being separately rated. There will be further cases before the Courts to settle the exact meaning of the judgments, which is still by no means clear. But long before the full effect of the last of the Kent v. Fittall judgment has been gauged, it is certain that the Government will in one way or another legislate to restore the rights of the latchkey voter. Meanwhile, we are entitled to state that the register has not yet

been seriously affected, and our statements as to the proportion of working-class women on the register are therefore still valid. If at the worst the latchkey vote were to be abolished, the fact (established by the I.L.P. enquiry) remains that in 1904, before it had been created, there were found to be some 82 working women among every 100 on the municipal register.

A GRAVE OMISSION.

A letter has been sent by Mrs. Tuke, on behalf of the W.S.P.U., to the Right Hon. Sydney C. Buxton, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, in reference to the newly constituted Council for the Settlement of Trades Disputes. Mrs. Tuke writes: "I am instructed by my Committee to call your attention to a most grave omission in the constitution of your Industrial Council for the settlement of trade disputes. Despite the fact that women workers constitute so considerable a portion of those employed in the staple industries, there is not one woman upon the Council to deal with disputes so far as they affect the conditions of her own sex. . . . In the fourteenth abstract of Labour Statistics (1911), the latest available, you will note on pages 270-271 that in textile factories (1907) there were employed 407,360 males and 679,863 females. In non-textile factories there were 2,616,064 males and 699,801 females. In workshops (1904) there were 273,298 males and 382,614 females. In laundries (1904) there were 10,480 males and 93,997 females. Thus of the factory and workshop operatives included in the Board of Trade's summary no fewer than 1,856,275 are females." Moreover, in nine-tenths of the trades included in the Board of Trade Returns the proportion of females is steadily growing, and there can be but little doubt that the complete census returns for 1911 will show two million women or more employed as factory and workshop operatives. The letter goes on:—"It must be remembered that the employment of women in these industries is spoken of by many men as a grievance, and talk about women 'ousting' men from their employment is a stock subject of conversation in men's clubs and meeting-places. This being the fact, it is difficult to believe that any body of men, however well intentioned, can adequately deal with critical disputes affecting women's industries. The recent protest of women and girls employed at the pit brow is sufficient to show the entirely different view that men take of women's interests from the view which women themselves take, and how impossible it is to expect that two million women and girls should receive fair treatment from a council solely composed of men. If it should be said that women are in the position to bring pressure upon men to deal with their grievances, without admitting any validity in that argument I would wish to point out that among those female workers there are hundreds of thousands of young girls under 18 years of age—perhaps in all over half a million—and I respectfully submit that the industrial conditions and difficulties of these young girls in our staple trades cannot be understood or adequately dealt with except by women. This fact alone is the fullest justification for our demands that the Industrial Council should include women in its composition."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Bound Volume for 1911 is now ready, and should be ordered at once.

The Great Albert Hall Meeting.

Don't forget to secure tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, November 16, for yourself and your friends, at once. The speakers at this meeting will be Mr. Ellis Griffith, M.P., Miss Vida Goldstein, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will take the chair. Tickets—Stalls, 2s. 6d.; Arena, Blocks A and F, 2s. (these have now been sold out), Blocks B, C, D, and E, 1s.; Lower Orchestra, 2s.; Balcony, first two rows, 1s., other rows, 6d.; Upper Orchestra, 6d.; Boxes, £1 10s., £1 1s., and 12s. 6d.—may be had of Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Miss Hambling makes a special call for stewards. Members only are eligible, and they should be at the Hall not later than 6 o'clock.

Important Meetings Next Week.

The following important meetings have been arranged for next week. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at the Temperance Hall, Newport, to-day (Friday); Synod Hall, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, October 24; Music Hall, Aberdeen, October 25; Forrester's Hall, Dundee, on Thursday, October 26; Y.M.C.A. Hall, Stirling, on Friday, October 27, at 3 p.m., and at the Athenaeum, Glasgow, the same evening at 8 p.m. Miss Christabel Pankhurst at the Irish Parliamentary Branch of the United Irish League, 10, Adelphi, Strand, to-day (Friday); at Newcastle on Friday, October 27. Lord Lytton will address meetings at Berkhamsted on October 24, Baldock on October 25, and at Leighton Buzzard on October 26.

London Weekly Free Meetings.

The usual weekly afternoon meeting at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W., on Monday next, October 23, at 3.15 p.m., will be addressed by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., E. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq., and others. At the Steinway Hall, on Thursday, October 26, at 8 o'clock, the speakers will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., and Miss Evelyn Sharp. These meetings are free, and are held every week. Similar meetings are held in all centres where the Union is represented. See pages 44 et seq.

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The great victory won by the Suffragists in California in securing "equal suffrage" in that State gives special importance to the publication of a little book giving the facts with regard to the position of women in the different States of U.S.A. These facts were originally prepared for the Conference of Governors in December, 1910, and have since been edited and brought up to date. In an instructive preface, Mrs. Stanton Blatch says:—

The American woman is a political pariah. Except in five States, she wanders insecure in the possession of any privilege conferred upon her. And as she passes from State to State her political position changes without a basis of reason or justice. She can vote on questions of taxation in Louisiana, but is deprived of this fundamental right to protect her property interests in Missouri. She is deemed intelligent enough to vote on school questions which so deeply concern her children in Illinois, but is barred from any power in educational matters in Indiana. In Ohio she can vote for school officers, but not on the question as to whether there shall be a school or how much it shall cost. Iowa reverses the matter, and allows a woman to express an opinion at the ballot-box on bond issues, but she cannot elect school officers. A woman can be an Attorney in Alabama but not in Virginia, while she can be a Notary Public in Virginia but not in Alabama. In many of the Southern States women freeholders have the right to petition for an election in regard to local improvements or a special school tax; but, having secured the election, they cannot vote to help determine the conclusion. In short, the political position of women in the United States is a chaos of contradictions.

The interesting map which we publish on page 36 is reproduced, with alterations rendered necessary by recent events, from that at the beginning of the book.

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Sacred as are the duties of motherhood, it is growing every day more apparent that the worthiest mothers are those who take beneath their protecting care not only their own immediate family, but the larger family of the State, and who feel it their duty to act as true parents in endeavouring to redress any wrong they see in the world around them.

The Maharani is to be congratulated on her patriotic work.

The principle of tax resistance, fully explained and justified, is the subject of a small, clearly-written pamphlet written by Mrs. Kington Parkes, on sale at the Woman's Press, at a penny. It would be well for every suffragist to read the arguments set forth and to ask herself if she cannot share in this most logical protest against unrepresentative government.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Agnes of Edinburgh." By Margaret Armour. London: Andrew Melrose. 6s.

"France and the French." By Charles Dawbarn. London: Methuen & Co. 10s. 6d. net.

"Five Months in a London Hospital." By Katherine Roberts. Letchworth: Garden City Press. 2s. 6d.

"Economics." By M. McKillop, M.A., and M. Atkinson, M.A. London: Allman & Son. 3s. 6d.

"Twentieth Century Magazine," October. 25 cents.

"The Political Status of Women in the United States." (G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price 1s.)

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THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

The first appointment has just been made in Russia of a woman to one of the higher responsible posts in the local departments of the Civil Service. Though women have for many years been employed in the telegraph service of the State, and in the Post Office more recently, yet, as the *Standard* points out, their promotion always stopped short at ranks involving direct responsibility for the work of others. By the appointment of Mlle. Kozlova to be Chief of the Postal Telegraph Branch at the Bourse in Saratoff, a departure from hitherto customary practice has been made in the direction of extending the claims of women to recognition for long service.

Unqualified support of women's share in public life was given by the Lord Mayor of London in a speech at the City of London School for Girls. Referring to education he said:—

As civilization advanced we gave to our girls equal opportunities, and with equal opportunities the superior ability of the girls would soon place them in advance of men. Nothing was more interesting than the increasingly useful positions occupied by women. That was largely due to their own sense of devotion; to their desire for service, and their ambition to confer happiness on others. Those desires and ambitions had been rendered more effective by the more liberal educational advantages which had been placed at their disposal and of which they had made such excellent use. . . . I believe (he added) that women cannot touch anything without improving it. I would not limit the sphere of their activities, and with all my heart wish to see them in all departments of life in which their abilities permit them to take a part.

We gladly welcome this pronouncement of the Lord Mayor.

The *Lancet* comments on the fact that reform is needed on the question of hours and salaries of asylum nurses. The L.C.C. male attendants who work 66 hours receive higher pay than the women who work 72 hours.

An example of loyalty and unselfishness has been set by the London Graduates' Union for Woman Suffrage, who have decided to promote the Conciliation Bill and, rather than risk its fate by any widening amendments, to postpone the just claims of women graduates.

In the *Standard* of Wednesday last, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence answered the reference to her made by Mrs. Humphry Ward in the same paper on the previous day. Mrs. Lawrence wrote:—

Anti-Suffragists uphold the secret influence upon the Legislature of so-called "exceptional" women. Suffragists stand for the open and straightforward influence of an electorate which represents the point of view of women as well as men, and is exercised by means of the vote.

This is one of the main questions at issue and it is, as Mrs. Lawrence proceeds to point out, a simple begging of the question to fall back upon the "exceptional woman" proposition in order to refute her contention that since political legislation and administration are very closely connected with the interests of women as well as with the interests of men, political legislators and administrators should be responsible both to the men and the women of the country.

In the *Standard* for Wednesday last was published a long and interesting article on the Women's Sick and Wounded Convoy Corps, by the founder and organising Commandant, Mrs. St. Clair Stobart. The corps has recently returned from a successful ten days in camp on the cliffs at Studland Bay, in Dorsetshire. Here, under the supervision of Major Langford Lloyd, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., and his instructing sergeants, they learned to pitch and strike their own tents, dig their own camp fire trenches, cook their food in the open, picket their horses, harness the ambulance wagon, and generally learn to be self-dependent and to experience some of the conditions likely to obtain in time of war.

Everywhere there are signs of the wonderful progress of Eastern women—in Turkey, Persia, India. China has always been regarded as the most retrograde, yet it is reported that at a meeting of Chinese, at Chicago, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the leader of the Revolutionary Party, declared that in the new Republic, men and women would have an equal right to vote.

A special position at the Exhibition of the Oil Painters' Institute has been given to a picture by a woman, "1860" by Miss Gloag. One of the critics says, "the artist is to be congratulated on having achieved something notable. It would be impossible for anybody to miss or ignore such a picture, wherever it might be."

Mr. C. P. Scott, at Leigh on Saturday, put the present position in a nutshell by saying:—"The moral of the whole position was that women must concentrate on the one essential thing—the removal of the disability of sex. The real battle would be fought over the first woman who was made a free woman. Once she had passed through the gate would be open, and the rest would follow in due course."

Colonel Hanna, President of the East Hants Liberal Association, has resigned that post because a Parliamentary candidate has been adopted who is not prepared to support the Women's Suffrage Conciliation Bill.

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Chairman: SIR ALFRED MOND, M.P.

Speakers: The Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., Mr. Israel Zangwill, Mrs. Philip Snowden, Miss Gertrude Kingston and others.

Wednesday, November 15:

WOMEN IN TURKEY.

MISS ISABEL FRY.

Chairman: MR. H. W. NEVINSON.

Wednesday, November 29:

PLAYS OF TO-DAY.

MR. J. T. GREIN

(Dramatic Critic of the *Sunday Times* and the *Ladies' Field*.)

Chairman: MR. GOLDFINCH BATE.

Wednesday, December 13:

Resolution for Debate: THAT WOMEN ARE FAVOURED BY THE LAW.

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Opposer: Earl Russell, Barrister-at-Law.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1911.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S REPLY.

The deputation of men which waited upon Mr. Lloyd George on Saturday last elicited from him a statement with regard to his intentions as to the Conciliation Bill, which Suffragists will do well to consider fully and carefully. It will be remembered that a fortnight ago we stated in the columns of this paper that at a meeting of Liberal M.P.'s held in the House of Commons in July last Mr. Lloyd George had expressed his intention of introducing amendments to the Conciliation Bill so as to include the wives of the men electors; and, further, that he had indicated that the Bill thus amended would become a measure which could not be carried through its third reading except by the Government, notwithstanding which the Government would not take the responsibility of carrying the Bill next session.

The deputation questioned Mr. Lloyd George with regard to these statements, and his answer was to characterise the publication of reports of a private meeting as disgraceful. Unfortunately for Mr. Lloyd George, ours was not the only report which appeared in the Press. On the day following the meeting an account appeared in the *Times*, another in the *Manchester Guardian*, and a third in the *Daily News*. If it was legitimate for Liberal M.P.'s present at the meeting to give their versions of Mr. Lloyd George's speech to these newspapers, and for them to print them, we cannot admit that it was improper for other Liberal members to give us their version of his speech, or for us to give publicity to it.

But Mr. Lloyd George says that as no shorthand writers were present, it is not possible either for him or for anyone else to repeat actually what was said at the meeting; that the particular statements attributed to him are not what he said, but what someone thought was the effect of what he said.

We do not pretend, of course, that these were the actual words used by Mr. Lloyd George, but as our information is derived from several sources, we still maintain that they represent substantially the effect of certain parts of his speech.

After all, the important question is not whether we can pin Mr. Lloyd George down to certain definite words on a certain definite occasion, but whether the statement which we have attributed to him substantially represents his views on the question. Let us examine it point by point.

In the first place, we say that Mr. Lloyd George intends to make an attempt to widen the Conciliation Bill (which at present enfranchises women householders) so as to make it include also the wives of all electors. That this accurately represents Mr. Lloyd

George's view we know because he stated this specifically to a deputation of Welsh women earlier in the year. Nor do we gather from his remarks on Saturday that he has any idea of repudiating this intention, unless, indeed he contemplates a still wider extension of the Bill. He defends his attitude on the ground that he is "not aware of any other civilised country where anything like the Conciliation Bill has ever been carried."

It would be easy to answer Mr. Lloyd George with a direct negative, by reminding him that women are enfranchised in Norway on the basis of the previously existing municipal franchise, which rests (as our municipal franchise does not) on a property basis; but the real answer lies in the fact that there is no other country where the qualifications for the male franchise are the same as those prevailing in the United Kingdom. In every country where women have demanded the vote they have asked that sex shall cease to be a barrier, and that the franchise laws shall be made the same for men and women. The Conciliation Bill adopts this principle, with slight modifications introduced to meet the susceptibilities of Liberal M.P.'s; Mr. Lloyd George's proposals, on the other hand, would introduce a new principle and create a new and special franchise for women.

In the second place, we say that if Mr. Lloyd George's amendments to the Bill were to be carried, it would become a Bill which could not be passed through its third reading except by the Government itself. Does Mr. Lloyd George suggest that this is not true, or that it does not represent his opinion of the matter? If Mr. Lloyd George will turn to the history of the last century he will find that the Reform Bill of 1832 enfranchised half a million men, and neither of those of 1867 or 1884 enfranchised more than two millions. These were with difficulty carried with the full weight of the Government behind them. Is it possible then to suppose that a Bill to enfranchise seven million women could be carried with only the backing of private members? But even if Mr. Lloyd George is prepared to throw over the lessons of history he cannot throw over the lessons of elementary arithmetic. The second reading of the Conciliation Bill was carried this year by a majority of 167 votes. That majority included 78 Unionists and a considerable number, probably between 50 and 100, of moderate Liberals who, like Mr. Birrell, would vote against a measure to enfranchise seven million women if it were a private member's Bill. The transference of these votes to the Opposition would secure the defeat of the Bill by a large majority. No! Mr. Lloyd George cannot deny that the only possible chance for a Bill amended as he proposes would be for it to be supported by the full weight of the Government, determined to stand by its success or to fall with its rejection.

Finally, we come to the third point, that the Government are not prepared to take their stand by this wide measure, at any rate not in 1912. Are we wrong in this statement? If we are, we are quite prepared to admit our mistake. But before we do so, we shall naturally expect an authoritative statement to the contrary. It will be necessary to have an explicit pronouncement on behalf of the Government that they are prepared to adopt the Bill and carry it in the year 1912. Otherwise, we shall be bound to infer that the dissensions in the Cabinet, of which we have heard so often, still remain and still prevent the Cabinet from making itself responsible for carrying a Woman Suffrage Bill.

If Mr. Lloyd George cannot deny any of our statements, the only conclusion to which we can come is that his real intention is not to give the vote to seven millions of women, but to wreck the Bill, and to prevent a single woman from exercising the franchise at the next General Election. If there were anything wanting to assist us to this conclusion it would be found in the glee with which prominent anti-suffragists, including Mrs. Humphry Ward, have hailed the Chancellor's statement as a sign of the coming defeat of the Conciliation Bill, and of the postponement and, perhaps, the prevention of Woman Suffrage. They announce in advance their intention of voting with Mr. Lloyd George in Committee so as to pass his amendments, and then voting with the moderates on the third reading so as to secure the defeat of the amended Bill.

But, "in vain is the snare set in sight of any bird." Suffragists will not fall into the trap, because they are fully prepared for it. Mr. Lloyd George will find to his surprise that his amendments will get little support, except from anti-suffragists, and that the Bill will be carried by the common sense honesty of the man who knows what has got to be done and intends to do it.

F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS AND IRISH HOME RULE.

By Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.

"The Irish Women's Franchise League, believing that in the interests of the country as a whole, women ought to be admitted to a share in the government of Ireland. . . . declares its determination to seek, by every means in its power, to secure the election of the first Irish Parliament upon the truly national basis afforded by the Local Government Register, and calls upon the members of the Irish Party and the Liberal Government to include a provision to this effect in the promised Home Rule Bill."

These words are taken from the latest of the world's charters of liberty—the resolution of the Irish Women's Franchise League, demanding that Irish women shall have equal justice with their countrymen, and that if Home Rule is to be established it shall be Home Rule for women as well as for men. It was inevitable that this demand should be raised, just as it is inevitable that it shall be acceded to. It is now too late in the world's history to create parliaments and grant constitutions without giving equal franchise rights to women. This wrong was done for the last time, so far as this Empire is concerned, in South Africa. It cannot be done in Ireland.

The Irish women's demand for their rights under the Home Rule Bill will be an inspiration to suffragists all over the kingdom. We of the Women's Social and Political Union are determined to give all possible help to our Irish sisters. The women of England, Scotland, and Wales must still depend upon the Conciliation Bill for their enfranchisement, but the women of Ireland have the opportunity of getting a provision for their enfranchisement incorporated in a Government Bill, and we are resolved to help them to win this advantage. Happily, we are pushing an already open door, for the presumption is that the Government will include in the Home Rule Bill a clause providing that the Irish Parliament be elected on the Local Government Register, which includes women as well as men. The Irish Councils Bill of 1907, the Government's previous proposal for dealing with the question of Irish self-government, provided that women as well as men should have the vote.

The Home Rule Bill now in contemplation is, we are told, to be a great advance upon the Irish Councils Bill. It is therefore reasonable to expect that it will not be less liberal in its provisions where women are concerned.

According to Mr. Birrell, the principle upon which the Government decided to grant votes to women under the Irish Councils Bill was that "Irish women ought to be allowed to take part in any good work which may be within the reach of anyone in their country." Upon this very same principle women are entitled to votes under the Home Rule Bill. Very encouraging is Lord Haldane's recent speech in Aberdeen, in the course of which he said that if separate Parliaments are to be established in the various parts of the kingdom, women, especially in view of the share which they have in local government, must be admitted to take part in electing these Parliaments; and so, he added, in electing the Imperial Parliament too. Lord Haldane's declaration alone would justify us in assuming that the vote will be given to Irish women under the Home Rule Bill.

The Government, in granting self-government to Ireland, are obviously bound to see that at the commencement of the new régime, all sections of the community stand upon an equal footing, and that each section has security against future injustice. This obligation they have already publicly recognised where the Ulster Protestants are concerned, and we have the Postmaster-General saying at Belfast, "Speaking on behalf of His Majesty's Ministers, I can give you the most definite and unqualified assurance that the rights of Ulster Protestants will be most carefully safeguarded in the Home Rule Bill." What the Government are prepared to do for the protection of a particular, and a numerically small class in Ireland, they are obviously bound to do for the protection of half the Irish people, namely, the women. As the Irish women's resolution puts it, "The Imperial Government are not entitled, in granting self-government, to discriminate between the men and women of Ireland to the disadvantage of women, by leaving them politically helpless."

The Irish women address their resolution, not to the Government alone, but also to the Members of Parliament for Ireland. The great majority of these are Nationalists, and consequently it is their attitude which is of prime importance. There are many reasons why they should support their countrywomen's claim, and none why they should not. When Mr. Redmond said, "There is in full operation in this country a great system of local county government through the election of which the mass of the Irish people have been able to show to all the world that they are able capably, soberly, efficiently, and economically to govern their own affairs," he admitted, and established firmly and finally, the Irish women's claim to share equally with men in electing an Irish Parliament. The demand that women should receive the vote under the Home Rule Bill simply means that the women who have, as Mr. Redmond reminds us, voted so wisely in local government elections, shall vote in Parliamentary elections also.

In reason and in justice, the Irish women's demand must be supported by every fair-minded Irishman.

Objections Answered.

But even in Ireland prejudice is not yet dead, and though one does not anticipate that any opposition to the Irish women's demand will come from responsible members of the Nationalist party, certain objections may be raised in other quarters. Let us foresee and answer the chief of these:—

1. That Irishwomen do not demand the Vote.

The Resolution of the Irish Women's Franchise League goes in disproof of this, as do the Women Suffrage resolutions already carried by town and county councils in many parts of Ireland.

Admitting that in Great Britain the Woman Suffrage movement has hitherto been more vigorous than in Ireland, what is the cause of this? Is it not that women have merged their claim for the Vote in the National question? This has been entirely in accordance with the wishes of the men. Are they now to be punished for this by having their political interests sacrificed? The fact is that if women concentrate on demanding their own enfranchisement they are denounced as unpatriotic, and if they work with men for a common cause, in the confidence that when the moment of success arrives their interests will be equally cared for, they are twitted with being indifferent to their enfranchisement.

2. The enfranchisement of Irish women would unduly increase the influence of the priest in public affairs.

Now, this is precisely the argument used against Home Rule for men. "Home Rule means Rome Rule and Priest Rule," cry the opponents of the Nationalist party. Are Nationalists going to use this same argument against the women who claim the right to equal citizenship under the Home Rule Bill?

Let us see how Nationalist men answer this argument when used at their own expense, for the same answer will serve for us. They say that the grant of political liberty will bring the influence of the priest within its proper limits. Mr. Stephen Gwynn, M.P., in his book, "The Case for Home Rule," declares that "some of the ablest men in the Irish Roman Church have stated that Home Rule would limit the temporal power of the priesthood (as local government has already limited it), and they rejoice that it should be so." So say the advocates of votes for Irish women. Give women political liberty and political responsibility, and they will cease to be unduly under the influence of the priest. But if you refuse to do this, women, having no extra-domestic interests other than the priest provides, will inevitably remain unduly under his influence—and, what is more, will try to secure that their sons, the citizens of the future, shall do the same.

3. Women would use the vote to injure the interests of the nation.

This argument is disproved entirely by the statement of Mr. Redmond with regard to the success of local government, in which women participate. Let us quote further from him on this point, because his words apply equally to the case of women as of men. "The English people are told," says Mr. Redmond, "that it is not safe for England, for the Empire, for Ireland itself, to allow Irishmen to govern themselves. That argument, I fully admit, had a great deal of force in this country 20 or 25 years ago. But to-day, after the experience of the last 20 years, it is the most dishonest and ridiculous argument that was ever used. Twenty years ago the masses of the Irish people had had no experience in the arts of government. . . . Well, in 1898, local self-government was given to Ireland. . . . The argument that held good 20 years ago that the mass of the Irish people were incapable of self-government has been absolutely disproved by the experience of this Act, and to-day, when we are asking for larger powers of self-government, we can point to the working of this Act and say if Irish men (women) have been faithful in a few things, why should they not be faithful in more?" Substitute the words Irish women for Irish men, and these apply absolutely in support of our case.

4. The question of whether Irish women shall vote for the Irish Parliament is one which the Irish people must decide for themselves.

This is a most outrageous proposal, because it is based upon the absolutely false assumption that the Irish people are men only, and that Irish women do not form part of the people. One John J. Horgan, writing in support of Home Rule, expresses this extraordinary point of view, and declares that the claim that the Home Rule Bill shall provide for the enfranchisement of Irish women "would be the very negation of the whole principle upon which the Home Rule Bill is based." His contention is utterly false. One might as well say that the proposal to give votes to Irish men under the Home Rule Bill is a negation of the principle upon which the Home Rule demand is based. The Imperial Parliament, in granting Home Rule, must obviously settle something of the terms upon which Ireland is to enjoy self-government, and equally obviously one of the questions which it is most entitled to settle is that of votes for women. Mr. Horgan himself having denied the right of the Imperial Parliament to give Irish women the vote, then admits its right to decide whether the Irish Parliament shall be governed by two Chambers or one, and whether it shall be elected on a system of proportional representation.

Mr. Redmond and his followers, having cordially agreed that the Imperial Government shall insert in the Home Rule Bill special safeguards for Ulster Protestants, have absolutely precluded themselves from raising any objection to the franchise being given to their countrywomen as part of the Home Rule Bill.

5. To propose the election of an Irish Parliament on the Local Government Register will imperil the passage of the Home Rule Bill.

It is not the provision for votes for women in the

Home Rule Bill which will imperil its passage, especially as this is a Suffragist House of Commons. What would really imperil the Bill would be a refusal to accede to the Irish women's demand. The effect of this would be to create friction, discord, and disillusionment amongst the supporters of the measure. The enthusiasm of Home Rulers would be broken, and the sight of the advocates of Home Rule for men refusing equal justice to women would certainly give cause to the enemy to blaspheme.

The Irish leader has declared that Home Rule means the inclusion of every class, creed, and race in the scheme of Irish Government. Upon what ground, therefore, could an entire sex be debarred from exercising citizen rights under a system of Home Rule? The demand of the Irish women, once raised, will never be abandoned. Until they are given the right to vote, their call for justice can never be silenced. It has been said by the leaders of the Nationalist movement that the only alternative to Home Rule is coercion. This may or may not be true. It is, however, certain that coercion is the only alternative to votes for women. The women of Ireland come of a fighting race. They have already done magnificent service in the agitation which throughout the whole kingdom is being waged on behalf of votes for women. Whether in the future they are to be ruled by a Union Parliament or by an Irish Parliament, there will be no rest unless their demand for the vote is satisfied.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

There is one item in the list of contributions this week which is exceedingly interesting, and to which I should like to direct the special attention of organisers and voluntary workers all over the country. A ticket meeting was arranged in Woking three weeks ago, with Mrs. Pankhurst as the speaker, and as no organiser could be spared from headquarters, and as there was no local organisation in Woking, the task of advertising the meeting and canvassing the neighbourhood was undertaken by a few resident members of the Union. The total cost of getting up the meeting, including printing and postering and all incidental charges, was £9 12s. 7d. The total proceeds from tickets (roughly £37) and collection (roughly £18) amounted to £55 2s., realising a net profit to the Campaign Fund of £45 9s. 5d. This achievement affords an illustration of what can be done by the enthusiasm and energy of a small half-dozen, when they mean business and are out for success. The hall was packed, crowds were turned away from the doors, an open-air overflow meeting was held in the vicinity, and many new members, friends and supporters were added to the ranks. What can be done in a town like Woking can be done in every part of the country.

This week I have a special appeal to make. Mrs. Ayrton Gould is about to start a vigorous campaign amongst the working women in the East End of London. Her district will include Whitechapel, Stepney, Poplar, Limehouse and St. George's. The political object of the campaign is to bring local pressure to bear upon Mr. Sydney Buxton, M.P., President of the Board of Trade, the Member for Tower Hamlets. She wants to take a shop which will be an attractive centre for workers. Owing to poverty of the people it will be impossible to finance the campaign from funds raised locally. I appeal on her behalf for special contributions from those London members who live in pleasant places, and also for a band of workers who will help her to take the gospel of Votes for Women to those whose lives are dull and grey with hopelessness.

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £250,000 FUND.

October 9 to October 14.

Already acknowledged		Per Misses Crocker and Roberts	
Ledged	£104,576 5 9	Mrs. Foster	0 1 0
Mrs. Dunbar Bishop (per Miss Gurney)	0 5 0	A Sympathiser	0 0 1
Miss Alice Heale	1 1 0	Per Miss S. A. Flatman	0 10 0
Miss Adelaide George	1 1 0	Mrs. Hallam	1 0 0
Miss Susan Cunningham	0 10 0	Miss S. A. Flatman	0 1 0
"Andromeda of Holborn"	0 13 0	Miss G. Seymour Keay	0 1 0
Laurence Housman, Esq.	0 4 6	Mrs. Sandford	0 10 0
"A thank-offering"	5 0 0	Per Miss G. Fontaine	0 12 6
Mrs. W. Boyan	0 2 6	Garden Foto (addnl.)	1 1 0
"D. E."	0 5 0	Per Miss F. Hughes	0 3 6
Miss Rose Farmer (coll.)	0 5 0	A Sympathiser	0 3 6
A. J. Blount, Esq.	1 0 0	Per Miss Kay Jones	0 1 4
Crystal Palace—Block	12 10 0	Miss A. Saffield	0 1 0
(per Miss Janet Vibert)	1 1 0	Dr. Peter Macdonald	1 1 0
Irish Women's Suffrage Society, Belfast	0 5 0	Per Miss A. Kennedy	1 0 0
Miss H. Wilmet-Buxton	0 5 0	Miss Ivy Bagshaw	0 2 6
Mrs. Zangwill (traveling expenses)	0 10 0	Miss Coler	0 2 6
Miss Eve Mackenzie	5 0 0	Miss M. Hunt	0 10 6
Miss Annie They	0 1 0	Miss Jessie Smith	1 0 0
Miss M. A. Page	0 5 0	Mrs. Taylor	0 1 0
Miss Nellie Trist	0 1 0	Mrs. and Miss Powell	0 2 0
Miss Helen M. Morgan	0 10 6	Mrs. Thorne	0 1 0
Mrs. M. G. Wightwick	1 0 0	Per Mrs. Mansel	1 11 4
Miss H. O. Toole	0 10 0	Per Mrs. Mansel	0 11 0
Mrs. M. H. Mackworth	4 0 0	Sale of baskets & jam	0 11 0
Miss Eva Moore	5 0 0	Per Miss E. Mitchell	1 0 0
Lady Meyer	20 0 0	Miss Lucy Bruce	1 0 0
Thurston Jones, Esq. (extracted from 9 unwilling subscribers)	0 2 10	Mrs. Gye-Bullock	0 2 6
Woking Meeting (proceeds)	55 2 0	Per Mrs. A. Pankhurst	0 10 0
Per Mrs. L. Ainsworth	0 1 0	The Misses Middleton	0 10 0
Returned fare	0 2 1	Per Mrs. M. Phillips	0 7 6
Mrs. Atkinson (Sale of cookery books)	0 6 0	Per Mrs. Dove Wilcox	0 2 2
Coll. for piano	0 9 0	Mrs. Shimmion	0 2 2
Miss Violet Taylor	10 0 0	Membership Fees	3 11 0
Mrs. Hopper	0 2 6	Collections, etc.	28 8 2
Mrs. Marshall	0 2 6	Per Miss L. Ainsworth	3 13 3
Per Miss H. Barrett	5 0 8	Per Misses Crocker and Roberts	1 10 10
Profit on special train on June 17	5 0 8	Per Miss S. A. Flatman	5 1 0
		Per Miss A. Kenney	0 16 4
		Per Mrs. Mansel	1 13 2
		Per Miss L. Mitchell	1 7 9
		Total	£104,771 13 1

Note.—Item "Miss R. A. Turner, 10s." entered in issue of October 9, should have been "Miss R. A. Turner."
Item "From the Ladies of Kilmory," entered in issue of September 7, should have been "per Mrs. T. C. Burke, from the Ladies of Kilmory."

Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Patrick Lawrence and crossed "Bartley and Co."

OUR POST BOX.

WOMEN TEACHERS AND THE VOTE.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—Your current issue (on page 13) reports an admirable speech of a woman teacher arguing that women teachers should have the vote. An admirable argument! And how right and proper it should be reported and read in VOTES FOR WOMEN! But how many women teachers of the thousands that are doing splendid citizen work in our elementary schools will be enfranchised by the Conciliation Bill? Not one who is married and lives in a house where her husband is ratepayer. Not one who lives an unmarried daughter at home. Not one of the many thousands living in lodgings. Not five per cent. of the noble army of women teachers in the United Kingdom will be given the vote by the Conciliation Bill. Mr. Lloyd George and scores of other Liberal and Labour Members of Parliament, like myself, will vote for amendments to the Conciliation Bill, which, at present, would pass them by on the other side. Why? Cannot you see the inconsistency, perhaps, insincerity, of your policy in urging "the Conciliation Bill without any amendment"?—Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH KING
(M.P. for Somerset N.).House of Commons,
Oct. 13.

We would draw Mr. King's attention to the following points:—

(1) Mr. Lloyd George's amendment giving votes to electors' wives would not enfranchise women teachers, because nearly all of them are unmarried. Mr. King does not explain how he proposes to enfranchise them.

(2) The lodger franchise, which would have enfranchised many women teachers, was omitted from the Conciliation Bill, not at the wish of the suffrage societies, but because Liberal M.P.'s insisted upon it.

(3) It is more and more the custom for women teachers and other self-supporting women to rent a small dwelling of their own, instead of living in lodgings, so that the number of women teachers who will benefit by the Conciliation Bill is on the increase.

(4) The widening of the Conciliation Bill would destroy its present non-party character, and would therefore prevent its being carried as a private member's Bill. The Government alone could carry such a Bill as Mr. King desires. Is he able to inform us that the Government will adopt the Conciliation Bill if extended, and carry it through the Commons before the end of 1912? If the Government are not prepared to do this, Mr. King is in honour bound to resist widening amendments, since they will wreck the Bill. [EDITORS, VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

THE RIGHTS OF A BABY.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—It is quite clear that guardians and their officers do not understand the right of a sick child to Poor-law relief when necessary. In the *Daily News* of the 7th inst. (page 5) a deeply interesting account is given of an interview of a representative of that journal with the master of the Westmoreland Road Workhouse. The workhouse master said:—"Suppose that a woman comes to me late at night with a sick baby. I find that her husband is in work, and, strictly speaking, I have no right to take her baby in, as it is not a case of destitution. Suppose I tell her so, and the baby is taken away and dies!"

The master's difficulty arises entirely from a mistaken view as to the law. It is quite clear that a child who needs prompt medical attendance or hospital treatment is entitled to it. This is shown by the *Merthyr Tydvil* case. In another case, where a relieving officer was indicted for manslaughter, it was shown that a child may be destitute although its father may be earning wages (Reg. v. Currie, 15, Cox's Criminal Cases, 746). And it is well settled that a child or other person is, in the eye of the Poor-law, "destitute," if he is unable to procure requisite medical attendance, housing, and accommodation. (Letter of Local Government Board to the Holbeach Guardians.)

Under the circumstances mentioned the master had not only the right to take in the baby, but he would have been failing in his duty if he had not done so. It is evident, both from the observations he made in the course of the interview and from the device he adopted to overcome the fancied difficulties of the situation, that the master of this London workhouse was both an intelligent and humane man; and there is every reason to believe that a large number both of guardians and Poor-law officers are under a similar misapprehension as to the rights of children. Indeed, I found a similar difficulty raised as the rights of a two-year-old child at my own board the other day.

I submit that the remedy is extremely simple—viz., that the Local Government Board should send round a circular to the boards of guardians and their officers stating the law respecting the right of children as to Poor-law relief, and should ask the inspectors to explain it verbally. The Health Department of the Local Government Board takes immense pains to prevent babies dying, and I have no doubt that the Poor-law Department can assist in saving their lives by merely seeing that the Poor-law is known to those who have to administer it.—I remain, yours, &c.,

J. THOMPSON DODD.

55, St. Giles', Oxford,
October 9, 1911.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—The Annual Municipal Elections will shortly take place, and I write to remind your readers not to neglect their duty of voting on November 1 next, if they are municipally enfranchised. Many women say they will not exercise the municipal franchise until they have the parliamentary vote, but, seeing that we apply to Corporations, and County, and Borough Councils to pass resolutions asking Parliament to pass the Conciliation Bill next session, and knowing that about 127 councils have passed resolutions supporting the Bill, surely we can realise the value of the municipal vote. I desire as earnestly as anyone that women should have the parliamentary vote, but the non-possession of it should not be a reason for their neglecting their municipal vote.—Yours, etc. LEVER.

With regard to the charge against suffragists made at Glasgow last week by Lady Griselda Cheape, as we are still receiving inquiries from correspondents, we would remind our readers that the best answer is provided by Miss Murphy, who offers ten guineas to a charity if Lady Griselda Cheape will bring further evidence to prove her statement that a girl was offered money to assault a policeman.

[A large number of letters are held over for want of space.]

MRS. MARGARET MURPHY.

Friends are reminded that a petition for the release of Mrs. Margaret Murphy, who was sentenced to death for the murder of her baby, and who has since been reprieved, can be signed at the W.S.P.U. offices, 4, Clements Inn, Strand. It is hoped that all those who have petition forms will do their utmost to secure as many names as possible during the coming week, as all names must be in not later than Tuesday, October 31. Great interest has been taken in this petition, and amongst the signatures received are those of many doctors, J.P.'s, and men and women holding most prominent positions in public life. All petition forms should be addressed to Miss Lennox, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

WOMEN AND THE INSURANCE BILL.

At a meeting on the Insurance Bill, under the auspices of the Women's Institute, last Monday, the Hon. Mrs. Pender Reeves declared that among the poor the contribution would come out of the mother's food. She opposed the Bill also on a straight line of principle when it gave benefits to married working women inferior to those granted to married working men. The Bill was not, she said, by any means an effective help towards national insurance.

Commenting on the Insurance Bill, the *Yorkshire Post* says "its treatment of domestic servants, and indeed of all women workers, is flagrantly unfair." The *Daily Mail* says:—"For two years Mr. Lloyd George's Insurance Bill was 'the great illusion' of the Radical voter. It was to fill the poor man's cupboard with 'rare and refreshing fruit,' free of charge; to provide invalidity pensions; and to care for the widow and orphan. Everything was to be paid for by that beneficent instrument, 'the People's Budget.' Bitter, then, was the surprise among the deluded when last Spring the mountains brought forth their mouse and Mr. Lloyd George laid his Bill upon the table of the House of Commons. The widows and orphans, having no votes, were quite unaccountably forgotten." The *Standard* says:—"Women have a clear case for more generous recognition."

Miss Leonora Tys., who is representing the Women's Social and Political Union at the Women's Congress in Hamburg, has had a splendid reception. Her speeches in German and English made a great impression. She also addressed a meeting in Magdeburg on Monday, Oct. 16.

TOWN AND OTHER LOCAL COUNCILS WHICH SUPPORT THE BILL.

The strong public support which lies behind the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage is shown by the large number of City and Town Councils which have carried resolutions in favour of the Bill. It will be remembered that women, as well as men, have votes for the local Municipal Councils, and that this action on the part of members of these Councils is evidence that, in their opinion, the proposal receives the support of their constituents of both sexes.

England and Wales.

Adel-cum-Ecup	Carnarvon	Haltwhistle	Macclesfield	Spennymoor
Altrincham	Chelmsford	Harrrogate	Manchester	Stevenage
Ambleside	Chester	Hartlepool	Manchester	Sloke Newington
Annfield Plain	Chester-le-Street	Heaton Norris	Newcastle	Sunderland
Bangor	Clacton-on-Sea	Heywood	Newport	Swansea
Barnsley	Cockermouth	Holyhead	Nottingham	Truro
Battersea	Coventry	Huddersfield	Oldham	Tynemouth
Bethesda	Cuckfield	Hull	Ormskirk	Urmston
Birkenhead	Derby	Huyton	Paddington	Uxbridge
Birmingham	Devonport	Jarrow	Penarth	Wallasey
Bradford	Dewsbury	Kendal	Penmaenmawr	Wandsworth
Bredbury and	Dover	Keswick	Penryn	Warrington
Romiley	Dryhurst	Lambeth	Portsmouth	Wellingborough
Bridlington	Enfield	Leeds	Preston	West Bromwich
Brighton	Falmouth	Leicester	Radcliffe	Weybridge
Brixton	Felling	Leigh	Ramsgate	Wrexham
Burton	Filey	Letchworth	Scarborough	Whitehaven
Burton-on-Trent	Flinton	Liverpool	Sheffield	Widnes
Camberwell	Folkestone	Llandudno	Southport	Willowden
Canterbury	Hackney	Llanfairfechan	Southwick	Wolverhampton
Cardiff	Hale	Llangollen		

Scotland.

Arbroath	Dumfries	Glasgow	Inverness	Kirkwall	Salisbury
Bonnyrigg	Dundee	Haddington	Inverurie	Kirkcubright	Stranraer
Brechin	Edinburgh	Hamilton	Kilmarnock	Larwick	Thurso
Broughty Ferry	Foggar	Hawick	Kilwinning	North Berwick	Tranent
Cummock	Fraserburgh		Kirkcaldy	Perth	Wick

Ireland.

Dublin	Cork	Dublin (County Council)	Limerick	Newry	Fennell (Dublin)
Warrenpoint	Galway	Bray	Newry		Portlaoise

PIT BROW WOMEN.

The meeting for the pit brow women of Wigan and district, which is being held on Wednesday, October 18, as we go to press, promises to be a great success. It was reported in the local and London Press that Mr. Smillie had said that it was "largely a bogus agitation got up by employers and Suffragettes." Miss Annie Kenney writes:—"I think Wednesday's meeting will show whether it is a bogus agitation! Anyone spending a week in Wigan visiting the women and girls at work and in their homes would have to admit that every woman on the pit brow is more than indignant at this interference with her labour. It is quite true that women have a grievance. The grievance of the pit brow women is far more serious than any the miners have at the present time. While miners are fighting for shorter hours, a minimum wage, or better conditions, the women are to be thrown out of work and to be added to the great body of unemployed. If I judge these Lancashire women rightly, there will be not a silent revolt, but an active revolt, if the clause in the Mines Bill is carried; and I for one shall encourage them to revolt and make themselves heard in no uncertain way. The women from each mine are choosing one or two of their fellow workers to sit on the platform and to address the meeting. In this way we shall get the true feeling of the pit brow women themselves. We are also having a petition, protesting against interference with their labour, and calling upon the Government to give to women the Parliamentary Vote as a protection to women in the industrial world. This petition will be sent to the Prime Minister. There are four things most certain:—

- (1) The women themselves object to this interference.
- (2) The mine owners are not in favour of the abolition.
- (3) The miners in the mines where women work are with the women.
- (4) The public of Wigan, so far as I can gather, do not want the women to be interfered with.

What more proof do the politicians want? I should like to thank Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., for the splendid way he has given his support and his time to help in making the meeting a success. We have been treated with kindness by worker and employer. One over-looker spent almost three hours showing us round the mine and explaining the old conditions as compared to the new, and I came away agreeably surprised.

Contributions towards the working expenses in Wigan will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Miss Turner, whose P.O. has just been received: to Miss J. Allan, £5; Miss Montgomery, £1 1s; and Mrs. Leah, £1. A public meeting will be held next Tuesday at the Memorial Hall, Farnington-street, of which details appear on page 38. Some pit brow girls from Fife, N.B., will be present.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE DEBATES.

The Hon. Lily Montagu is arranging a debate, in connection with the National Organisation of Girls' Clubs, between Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, M.A., and Mr. Gilbert Chesterton, at the Queen's Hall, on Friday, October 27. Tickets and all particulars may be obtained at the office of the N.O.G.C., 118, Great Titchfield Street, or of the Hon. L. H. Montagu, 12, Kensington Palace Gardens, W. On the same day a debate will take place in the Public Hall, Epsom, at 8 p.m., between Miss K. D. Courtney and Miss Gladys Pott.

We are glad to see that it has been decided to admit women to the "Parliament" which has just been formed for Southgate, N. The *Recorder*, a local paper, commenting on this, says:—"The decision to admit women members, although it met with a strenuous opposition, will, it is hoped, prove of advantage to the 'Parliament,' the women as receiver and spender of her husband's income—or part of it—well understands the bread and butter side of politics."

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office—Antient Concert Buildings, St. Brunswick Street, Dublin.

Miss Christabel Fankhurst addressed a meeting in the Dublin Mansion House on Tuesday evening. The audience was the largest ever seen in Ireland in connection with the League. Mrs. Cousins presided, and the Lord Mayor, some members of the Corporation, and Professor T. Kettle, were among those present. Miss Fankhurst amplified the various points with which she deals in her article on page 41, and her words were received with tremendous enthusiasm.

On Tuesday, October 10, Mrs. Cousins, Mrs. Bac. (hon. sec.), gave an interesting account of her recent experiences at country meetings and at the North Tyrone bye-election. The resolution, of which the text is given on page 41, was adopted unanimously by the meeting, after being proposed by Mrs. Cousins and seconded by Mrs. Evans. Mrs. Earl made a strong and convincing appeal for funds. In summing up, Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington referred to the fact that Galway, Bray, Portrush, and Newry Urban Councils had recently passed resolutions unanimously in favour of the Conciliation Bill. The results at Galway and Bray had been achieved largely through the exertions of Mrs. Earl.

BELFAST WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Office—22, Wellington Place, Belfast.

On Tuesday, October 10, a Committee Meeting was held in the rooms of the Society. The following were present:—Mrs. Wadsworth (in the chair), Mrs. Hobson, Miss Lindsay, Mrs. Hickey, Miss Warkington, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Elliott, Miss Gibson, Mrs. Chambers, and the Secretary, Mrs. Duff represented the Lisburn Branch. Mrs. Elliott, who, with Dr. Bell, had been present at the meeting held in Dublin on Oct. 7, in connection with the proposed Federation of Irish Societies, was requested to give her report of the meeting, and after the matter had been discussed, the following resolution was proposed by Miss Lindsay, seconded by Mrs. Chambers, and carried:—"That it is not at present advisable to join the Federation." Members are reminded of Miss C. Fankhurst's meeting on Nov. 23. Tickets, 2s. and 1s. each, on sale or return, to be had of the Secretary. Volunteers wanted for poster parade every Wednesday, at 4, from the office.

The Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation ask us to say that at the meeting in Dublin on August 28 Miss Bennett, Killiney, Co. Dublin, was elected Chairman of the Provisional Committee of the New Federation—not Miss Metge. [Ed. VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Rosa Leo, 43, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.C. Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. The subject for to-night will be "Adult Suffrage," which will, of course, be dealt with from the point of view of the W.S.P.U. Next week, "The Position of Women Under the Insurance Bill" will be discussed, and members are asked to have the facts at their fingertips, in order to be able to answer any question if heckled. Miss Leo's private classes take place, by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton, at 41, Norfolk Square, W., every Saturday afternoon, at 4 p.m., and every Tuesday evening, at 7.45 p.m. All communications about these private classes should be addressed to Miss Leo, and those concerning the public ones to Miss Hale.

RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible.
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Mrs. Louis Fagan and Mrs. Kineton Parkes are undertaking a series of meetings to explain the principles of Tax Resistance. The first was held at Liverpool, on Wednesday, October 11, under the auspices of the W.S.P.U. At Chester, on Thursday, October 12, the meeting was held in the Assembly Hall, and Mrs. Du Cane, who presided, paid a great tribute to the work of the League, and to the names of John Hampden and Miss Clemence Housman. At Scarborough, on Friday, October 13, the meeting was a most successful one, presided over by Miss Bremner. At all these meetings the following resolution was passed:—"That this meeting is of opinion that the action of the Government in deciding to pay Members of Parliament before enfranchising women, justifies the women taxpayers of this country in refusing to pay Imperial Taxes until such time as they are allowed a vote in the selection of the representatives of the people, and calls upon the Government to pass the Conciliation Bill."

The Men's League for Woman Suffrage have organised a public meeting in support of the Conciliation Bill, to take place in the Town Hall, King's Road, Chelsea, on Thursday evening, November 2, at 8 p.m. The speakers will be Mrs. Henry Fawcett, L.L.D., the Earl Russell, the Hon. Sir John Cockburn, K.C.M.G., and Laurence Housman, Esq.; Herbert Jacobs, Esq., in the chair. Tickets for reserved seats, price 2s. 6d. and 1s., may be obtained from the head office, 158, St. Stephen's House, Westminster. Admission free.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FÊTE.

December 4 to 9.

Six weeks to December 4, when the Christmas Fair and Fête will be opened at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street. Among the many prominent and well-known people who have sent good wishes is Mme. Yvette Guilbert, the great French Actress, who, as the *Manchester Guardian* pointed out the other day, ranks with Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and Duse. Mme. Guilbert writes: "I am so sorry not to be able to be with you at your Christmas Fair, but I have to fulfil a professional engagement in Switzerland from November 27 until December 11. I regret very much, and hope you will have a great success."

Space does not permit us to mention all those who have promised to help in various ways. We can only remind our readers that the war-chest has to be filled, and the Christmas Fair provides a grand opportunity. The co-operation of every member is needed. Our readers are asked to look carefully through the list of stalls below, and see which stall they will adopt as the one they can best help. Then to all those who have a little more spare time Miss Sylvia Pankhurst makes a special appeal—stencillers, sign-writers and workers for the Sewing Committee are needed. The latter are reminded that continuous work is most valuable in order that a definite task may be carried through by each helper, and not left half-finished for the next corner. A blank postcard bearing the Chelsea postmark has been sent to Miss Sylvia Pankhurst. Will the writer communicate with her again?

One very important provision has to be made by London members, and that is hospitality for members from the country. Miss Ellen Smith, W.S.P.U. Offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., earnestly appeals to any who can help her in this direction to write to her at once, and state exactly what they can do.

STALLS AND STALL SECRETARIES.

ANTIQUE STALL	Mrs. Thomas, Llanwern Park, Newport, Mon.	MANY INVENTIONS	Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton, Somerset.
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BOOK STALL	Miss Grales, 143, Church Street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	PARCEL STALL (including paper, net and string bags)	Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, St. Leonard Road, Palmer's Green, N.
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CUSHIONS AND MATS (of all descriptions)	The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 56, Praed Street, Paddington.	SOAP, SCENT, & HAND-KERCHIEFS	Miss Wilson, East Cliff Dover.
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (1 to 8 years)	Mrs. Lamartine Yates, 9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon.	SWEET STALL	Miss Muriel Thompson and Miss Leggett, 48, Queen's Gate, S.W. (1st 3 days).
CURIOS AND BRIC-A-BRAC	Miss Willson, 34, Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, S.W.	TOY STALL	Mrs. Gether, Red Cottage, Cavendish Road, Redhill (2nd 3 days).
DRESSES, DJIBBAHS, & OVERALLS	Miss Dorothy Pethick, 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.	UNDERCLOTHING	Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, S.W.
GUESSING AND COMPETITION	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 2, Station Bldg., W. Croydon.	WELSH STALL	Miss Nelly Crocker, 6, Carlton Street, Nottingham.
HOUSE LINEN	Mrs. Walter Dodgson, Holmsey, Woodlesford, near Leeds.	WOOLLEN STALL	Mrs. Mackworth, Llan-sar, Caerleon, Mon.
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JEWELLERY AND GLASS	Miss Julia Green, 379, Harborne Road, Edgbaston.	FAIR SECTION	Men's Political Union (A. MacDougall, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.)
LACE, EMBROIDERY, & ART METAL WORK	Miss Florence E. Cobb, 2, North St., Quadrant, Brighton.		
LUCKY TUBS	Mrs. East, 21, Brandenburgh Road, Chiswick.		

Reports from Organisers.

Mrs. Mansel Moulin, 69, Wimpole St., W., has kindly consented to receive all goods for the Welsh Stall. This will stock anything strictly Welsh, such as garments made of Welsh flannel or linsey, Welsh pottery, hand knitted socks and stockings, dolls dressed in national costume. The goods must all be priced by contributors before being sent in and should be marked "for Christmas Fair."

Mrs. Pertwee has received several new helpers for fete, including Misses Mann and Beyer, Miss Gertrude Inglis, Miss Palgrave Turner, Miss Vera Coburn, Miss Nellie Addison, Miss Ida Williamson, Mme. Evangeline Florence, Miss May Coleman, Mme. Holme, Mme. de Mexico, Mme. Beatrice Langley (violin), Miss Selma Sache, Miss May Muckle (cello), Miss Myrtle Meggy (pianist), Miss Winifred Carey, Miss Florence Castelle, Trio from Chelsea Quartette, Mr. Gerald Lindley (piano sketch), Miss Margaret Stone, Miss Russell, Miss E. Parsons (piano). Lists of actors and actresses and names of plays are not yet complete, but will be announced shortly.

Mrs. Hollings, Watchetts, Frimley, Surrey, who has very generously taken charge of the Refreshment Dept. for the Fête and Fair, and with other ladies is forming a Committee to organise it for the six days, is anxious to obtain promises of goods in kind, tea, coffee, sugar, cakes of every variety, hams, tongues, fowls, etc. Will those able to help in this way communicate with her as soon as possible, saying what form their contributions will take.

Miss Worsfold regrets very much that she is unable, through unforeseen pressure of business, to continue her work as bazaar secretary. Miss Wilson, 5, East Cliff, Dover, is very kindly taking her place, but the former will still be local bazaar secretary for Folkestone in co-operation with Miss Wilson. Thanks to the kind hospitality of Miss Key, a very successful and representative meeting was held at Trevarra, on October 11. Mrs. Williamson, of Canterbury, generously offered to pay for the printing and postage of an appeal to Canterbury and South Kent members to state at once what help they could give towards the stall. Canterbury members can send their gifts and donations to their local bazaar secretary, Miss Burch, St. Sepulchre's, who will forward them to Miss Wilson. Many thanks to "A Sympathiser" for her gift of lavender. Gratefully acknowledged (Shilling Fund): Miss Condy, 21s.; Miss Lewis, 10s.; Miss Cheffins, 10s.; Mrs. Ansell Hill, 4s.; Mrs. Shillingford, 2s.; The Misses Bishop, 2s.; Mrs. Hartly, 1s.; Miss Harris, 1s.

Mrs. Hicks, 178, Finchley Road, writes that a special work party to make dresses for those who will sell at the Hampstead Stall is being held at 77, Belsize Park Gardens every Wednesday from 3-5. Miss Jessie Motherole is very kindly designing and making the sign. Acknowledged with thanks for materials fund: Mrs. Alfred Weaver, £1; Mrs. Weston, 2s.; Mrs. Brailsford, 5s.; Mrs. Bull, 10s.

Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road, Balham, reports that a very successful work party was held at 28, Vant Road, on Saturday, when Mrs. Grubb, of 21, Culverdon Road, Balham, kindly promised the use of her drawing-room for Thursday. Will members kindly arrange to be present as often as possible at work parties, so that they may be finished early to avoid rush at the last moment. Remember, 28, Culverdon Road (Friday) afternoon, at 3 p.m. sharp. Best wishes to those members and friends who sent materials

for dressing dolls this week. Gratefully acknowledged for 1s. fund:—Mrs. Grubb, 2s. 3d.; Miss Kathleen Cocksedge, 1s.

Miss Muriel Thompson and Miss Leggett again appeal for help in money and sweets for the first three days of the Sweet Stall. Gifts of money would be especially acceptable. They would also be very glad if members would let them know as soon as possible what help they can give. All communications should be sent to 48, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.

Mrs. Impey, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin, reports that the Committee under the presidency of Lady Constance Lytton met again and are delighted with the way things are progressing. Great hopes are entertained of the Hertfordshire Stall being an undoubted success. The work of organising this stall, comprising as it does many branches, would be greatly facilitated if local union secretaries and unattached members will occasionally notify the Secretary as to the work they have in hand. Gratefully acknowledged towards expenses: Mrs. Martineau, £2.

Miss Leonora Tyson, 5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham, reports that a most delicate and charming doll's suite of furniture has been made and sent to her by an old gentleman of 70. Match boxes and matches are the materials used. As there is no name or address attached she has been unable to express her appreciation and thanks. White materials suitable for baby doll's dresses and cloaks are very badly needed; thanks to those who have sent such valuable coloured pieces. Don't forget the small gifts for the Christmas stockings. Many more of these are wanted.

Miss O. L. Cobb, 49, Market Place, Reading, wishes to thank Mr. Stansfield for £1 and Councilor Edith Sutton 10s. for donations. More blouse materials of all descriptions are needed. Will friends having cardboard boxes to spare kindly communicate with Miss Cobb.

Miss Dorothy Pethick, 14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester, reports that orders for djibbahs from 2 guineas, according to material and embroidery, will be gladly received. Measurements should be sent with orders. Gifts of materials of all sorts and colours will be most acceptable, also small bits of embroidery or coloured silks or linens. Plain full-size overalls will be made from 2s. 6d., plus cost of materials, with embroidery, from 5s.

Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, Surrey, reports that the work party which meets at the office every Tuesday, at 2.30, is making good headway with the work and already one trunk is full of completed garments. Will those members who wish to take part in the competitions apply at once as these will not be kept open much longer; full particulars can be obtained from Miss Nuttall, Holly Lodge, Kingston. All finished work should be sent without delay. Besides the "Maternity Benefits," comprising the necessities for a new born babe, Wimbledon is making a speciality of "Good-night Gowns" which will supply a real need in the nursery wardrobe, and moreover form a very dainty Xmas gift. The loan of a boy wax-model and a girl wax-model from now till the Fair, or even only during the Fair, will be greatly appreciated, also offers of fine white material and workers able to do this finer work for babies. The loan of a knitting machine would also be a boon, or still more acceptable an offer to work up wool to order.

Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker, 6, Carlton Street, Nottingham, report that their Stall is making good progress. Sewing meetings are held twice weekly, many of them being from 3 to 9, which gives all a chance of attending. Members are asked not to think that they are of no use if they have only an hour to spare. Workers are always welcome, no matter how short a time, and those engaged in the daytime are particularly

invited to attend in the evening. Funds are still needed for the purchase of materials. Subscriptions, and promises of materials and made garments, will be gratefully received. Orders are being booked daily all over the country for garments to be made at the sewing meetings, amongst them being an order for two shirts from a working man who is a supporter of the movement and wishes to help. These orders are most encouraging.

Mr. A. MacDougall, M.P.U., 13, Buckingham St., Strand, W.C., reports that as far as the Punch and Judy Show is concerned, it is almost finished. The performer's hut has been designed by a member and is now being made. Another member is composing a very funny Suffrage dialogue. As it is unfair to let one man do all the work, we earnestly ask any member or friend interested in this business to volunteer his services. Another Suffrage dialogue of ten to fifteen minutes' duration would be welcome. As the Shooting Range is expected to be a crowded affair more guns are needed. Donations towards the targets, which are being printed in purple, white and green, will also be welcome. We have hopes of securing a roundabout within the next few days, but as the expense is great in connection with this the financial help of members and friends is asked for. Members are also asked to volunteer their services

THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1214. President—Mrs. Forbes Robertson. Organising Secretary—Miss G. M. Conolan.

All Suffragists should see Mr. Laurence Housman's delightful play, "Alice in Wonderland," at the Lyceum Theatre, on October 27. A splendid cast has been secured, including Miss Eva Moore and Mr. Laurence Grossmith. The piece concludes with the singing of Dr. Ethel Smyth's "March of the Women" conducted by the talented composer herself. A pageant has been introduced into the play, and in it most of the suffrage leagues will find themselves represented by characteristic groups or single figures, symbolic of the various features of the movement. The Pioneers of the sixties lead the way; then comes Enlightenment, with the National Union, bearing torches of green, white, and red. The militant societies follow: the warrior maidens of the W.S.P.U., led by Miss Charlotte Marsh; the figures of Liberty in the green, white, and gold of the Free-Love League. The Writers, Artists, and University women succeed them, all symbolic figures, and undertaken by beautiful and well-known actresses; then the Britannia of the Conservative League, the St. George of the Church League, John Hampden for the Tax Resistance League, and so on. The Free Church, Catholic, Irish, and Welsh women are also depicted, and a group of Tragedy, Comedy, Music, and Dancing (typifying the Actresses' Franchise League) brings up the rear. In addition to the names already mentioned, Miss Lillian Braithwaite, Miss Adeline Bourne, Miss Annie Hughes, Mrs. Russ Whytall, Miss Nancy Price, Miss Janette Steer, Miss Elaine Inescourt, Miss Christine Silver, Miss Edith Craig, and many others will appear in the pageant. Mr. Zangwill's brilliantly witty prologue will be spoken by Miss Fay Davis.

A Members' At Home takes place to-day (Friday) at the League Offices at 3 p.m.

ITALIAN WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS.

We have received an interesting report of the Congress of Women at Turin, where, full of hope and courage, the suffragists of Turin have just inaugurated the new year's work. All the well-known women in the Suffragist movement took part, including Elisa Lollini Agnesi, Irma Melany Scodnik, Carmela Baricelli, Editor of the *Alleanza* (a woman's paper) Bice Sacchi-Duccheschi, Virginia Treves Tedeschi, Teresa Labriola; Ester Bonomi, and Emilia Mariani, President of the Woman's Suffrage Society of Turin and Organiser of the Congress. The proceedings opened on October 7 with a reception of delegates by the Executive Committee at the rooms of the Suffrage Society. On the 8th the Congress was inaugurated in the presence of a representative of the Mayor of Turin and many

during the Fair week to help to work it. The Anti-Suffrage Shies are designed and in the hands of the maker, and all we now require is attendants for the shows during the fair week. Small articles, such as boxes of chocolates, sweets, and bon-bons, are urgently asked for the table of the Hoop-La. We would also like some more rings—not more than four inches in diameter—for throwing on the articles.

"Some 'Antis,' Mr. Punch and a Suffragette," is the title of a special side show being organised by Miss Wallace Dunlop and Miss Downing. Whispers reach us of mysterious preparations for this show, but we cannot throw any further light on what it is. Our friends will only have to wait and see. There will be two performances daily, at 5.30 and 6.30. Admission, price 6d.

Miss Hilda Gargett, 4, St. Leonard Road, Palmer's Green, would be glad if members and friends would let her know at once which evening in the week they can spare for a work-party to make paper bags. This work must be started without delay. Members and friends are also asked not to forget the Sixpenny Fund. Any who cannot attend the work-party are asked to help in this way.

No article should be sold from any stall except as clear profit to the funds of the Union, and no agreement with manufacturers or others as to percentage can under any circumstances be allowed.

members and sympathisers with the cause. With Elisa Lollini representing the Roman Suffrage Society, to which all local societies are affiliated, in the chair, and a lengthy and comprehensive resolution, the Congress affirmed "that the extension to women of the right to vote and of eligibility to Parliament was one of the strongest movements towards social progress and one of the first sources of well-being to every nation governed representatively. It hoped that all those having at heart the interests of the nation would not neglect to work uninterruptedly until this great and civilising reform becomes an accomplished fact; it protested against any eventual concession of a limited vote to certain classes, and it pledged itself not to cease the agitation until absolute equality of political rights between the sexes shall have been attained." Discussion of plans for propaganda work followed, and the Congress closed with a municipal dinner. The Congress was well noticed in all the principal newspapers of Turin.

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Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duval.

A full report of the Deputation to Mr. Lloyd George and the events which led up to it, will be found on page 35. The third great demonstration with the Women's Tax Resistance League was held in Hyde Park last Sunday, and was once again most successful, despite the inclemency of the weather. From the M.P.U. platform Miss Lannox, Mr. Laurence Housman, and Mr. Duval addressed a most sympathetic audience, while Mr. Franklin spoke from the W.T.R.L. platform. For next week's meeting see programme. For details of the M.P.U. section at the Christmas Fête and Fair see above. Albert Hall box tickets, at 2s. 6d. each, are still obtainable, through a member of the M.P.U., on application to the Secretary.

Oxford.—Hon. Sec., Mr. L. Kingsley Underhill, 15, St. Clements. A most important meeting will be held in the Corn Exchange on Friday, October 27, at 8.15 p.m. Dr. J. E. Carpenter will be in the chair. Mr. Laurence Housman will be the principal speaker, and details of tickets will be announced later. As there is not much time left for advertising and making arrangements, all members and friends in this district are asked to communicate at once with the Hon. Sec., and offer what help they can.

Treasurer's Note.—With all the work in hand the M.P.U. war chest has to be constantly and well filled, in order to cope with the heavy cost of an active campaign. Will all those members and friends who have not already sent a donation to the Special Autumn Campaign Fund follow the example set by the subscribers in the list below, while those who have subscribed might invite others to follow their example? Especially members who, for various reasons, cannot participate in militant work might help by subscribing to the cost.

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Special attention is drawn to the East-End Campaign to be undertaken by Mrs. Ayrton Gould (see below). It is hoped help of all kinds will be forthcoming.

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Secretaries: A special meeting will be held at 4, Clements Inn, on Monday next, October 23, at 6 p.m. A full attendance is requested.

BALHAM & TOOTING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cocksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road.
The first Tooting Broadway meeting on October 11 was most successful, the audience being most interested. Mrs. Dacre Fox was the speaker, and Mrs. Heard, of Merton, took the chair. Gratefully acknowledged for 1s. Fund: Mrs. Grubb, 2s. 3d.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road.
Please note that the open-air meeting to-night (Friday) is in High Barnet Market Place, not in New Barnet as advertised. Poster parades will take place to-night and Monday next in Barnet, starting from above address at 7.30 p.m. Volunteers are urgently needed for bill distributing during the parades. On Tuesday afternoon a decorated carriage will be driven through the district to announce the Even Hall meeting. Helpers are needed. The secretary will be glad to hear of anyone who can give an hour or so to this work. Tickets for Even Hall meeting can be obtained at above address and at Cowing's Library, High Street, also at the meeting, price 1s. and 6d.; admission free.

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 84, Epsith Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
Will members and sympathisers please note that invitation cards are now ready for the social at the New Guild Hall, Wandsworth Road, Lavender Hill (junction of Corder Road and Queen's Road), on Friday, November 3. Gratefully acknowledged: Mr. J. T. Cather, 2s. 6d. for expenses. Sunday's meeting on the Common was addressed by Miss Naylor. Papers sold well, and a collection was taken.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 949 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.
A series of competitions is being arranged to take place on Monday evenings at the office. The first will be given by Mrs. Cameron-Swan on Monday next (see programme). Admission 6d. Refreshments and a prize will be given. Please apply to shop secretary for tickets. Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Inglis, and Miss Baxter have offered their drawing-rooms. Will others follow their example? A most successful meeting was held in Purley Congregational Hall on October 12, by the kind efforts of Mrs. Russell, who undertook all expenses. Mr. Laurence Housman made a great impression by his magnificent speech. Mrs. Cameron-Swan took the chair. A great deal of canvassing remains to be done. Miss Isabel Green has generously offered to defray all the Dutch Market Committee expenses. Gratefully acknowledged: The Misses Frost, 6s.; Mrs. Reeder, 5s.; Miss Stent, 6s.; Miss Crook, 2s. 6d.

EALING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Finlay, 28, Warwick Road, Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road.
Will members and friends who have not yet sent in their "Jumbles" kindly do so without delay. The sale takes place on Friday and Saturday next (see programme). The Jumble cart will call round and collect articles on receipt of a postcard at above address. Members who have time to act as sellers are asked to

send in their names to either of the secretaries and state at what hours they can attend.

EAST END.

Organiser—Mrs. Ayrton Gould, 21, St. Mary's Mansions, Paddington.
Help is urgently needed for the great East End Campaign which is now being started in the constituencies of Limehouse, Mile End, Poplar, St. George's, Stepney, and Whitechapel. In order to carry on this great campaign effectively, there must be a large band of workers, and it is hoped also that funds will be supplied by members in the West End. This campaign must be self-supporting, and this is impossible unless members will come forward and subscribe to it, both in money and work. A special campaign subscription list is being opened. Will friends kindly send money and offers of help to Mrs. Ayrton Gould? There is so much to do that the campaign must get into full swing at once, so please come forward and offer your services and all that you can possibly afford immediately. The fate of the Conciliation Bill depends largely upon how much the Members for the various constituencies are worked up by their electors, and these six constituencies are extremely important.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—905, Fulham Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Cutton and Mrs. Roberts.
The Jumble Sale was a great success, over £12 10s. being realised. Miss Cameron has kindly promised to organise the meetings from now to Christmas. Will members please give her all the help they possibly can? Tickets for the Albert Hall (1s. and 6d.), and for the Men's League meeting at Chelsea Town Hall (1s.), can be had at the shop.

GREENWICH, DEPTFORD & WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss R. M. Billingham, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.
The campaign for advertising Miss Pankhurst's Woolwich Town Hall meeting on November 6 is in progress. On Monday, Mrs. E. Leigh spoke at the Charlton Branch of the Women's Co-operative Guild. On Friday, Miss Richard (chair, Miss Gregory) addressed an interested audience in Kilmor Road. Members are asked to assist at meetings (see programme), in selling tickets and distributing handbills. Poster parades will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 28, and on Saturday, November 4. Helpers for these are needed. The Jumble Sale will take place early in November. More parcels will be welcome and can be sent to the hon. sec.

HACKNEY.

Office—75, Lower Clapton Road.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 28, Pembury Road.
A large audience listened to Miss Hicks and Mrs. Summerton on Friday last. The resolution: "That this meeting protest against the action of the Government in introducing new legislation inimical to the interests of women while the franchise is withheld, and demands the withdrawal of the National Insurance Bill until women have the vote," was passed with one dissentient. A copy of the resolution was sent to Mr. Asquith.

HAMMERSMITH.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Haarbleicher, 67, Queensborough Terrace, Raynswater, W.
The At Home given by Miss Carson, October 3, to meet the new secretary was much enjoyed by members and friends. New members were recruited. Important questions are to be discussed at to-night's meeting and a large attendance is expected.

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—175, Finchley Road.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier.
Mrs. John Gulich reports that the canvass of municipal women voters has begun in real earnest. The Town Ward, which contains about 500 ratepaying women, is being taken first. Helpers for Jumble

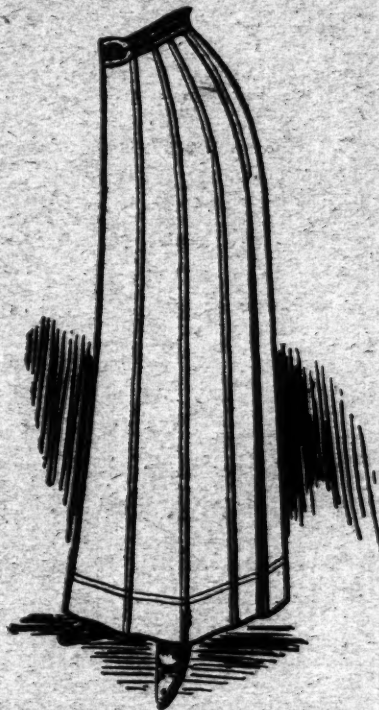
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LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

October.	Friday, 20	Gardenia Restaurant, Katherine St. (next Drury Lane)	Irish Parliamentary Branch, United Irish League, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B.	8 p.m.
"	"	4, Clements Inn	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Lee	7.45 p.m.
"	"	Croydon, Katherine Street	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, Miss Harley	8 p.m.
"	"	Hackney Baths, Mare Street, N.E.	Mrs. Ridge	8 p.m.
"	"	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Work Party	8 to 10 p.m.
"	"	Hammersmith, 57, Kensington Hall Gardens	Members Meeting	8 p.m.
"	"	Harringay, Burgoyne Road	Miss Bonwick, B.A.	8 p.m.
"	"	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (outside)	Miss Hicks. Chair: Miss Kinkaid	8 p.m.
"	"	High Barnet, Market Place	Miss C. Maguire	8 p.m.
"	"	" 13, Stratford Road	Poster Parade	7.30 p.m.
"	"	Lewisham, 28, Berlin Road, Catford	Mrs. Drummond. Chair: Miss C. Campbell	8 p.m.
"	"	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road	Work Party	3 to 6 p.m.
"	"	Child's Hill, The Castle	Miss Lennox	8 p.m.
"	"	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Peak, Miss Hume	8 p.m.
"	"	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Phoebe Richards	8 p.m.
"	"	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss Bonwick. Chair: Miss Nichols	8 p.m.
"	"	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Miss Hopkins. Chair: Mrs. G. F. Heard	7 p.m.
"	"	Muswell Hill	Mrs. Naylor. Chair: Miss Townsend	6.30 p.m.
"	"	Wimbledon Broadway	Miss Phyllis Ayrton, Miss C. Maguire	11.30 a.m.
"	"	Catford Tram Terminus	Mr. Thornton Jones. Chair: Mr. Frost	3.30 p.m.
"	"	Clapham Common	Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3 p.m.
"	"	Hampstead Heath	Poster Parade	7.30 p.m.
"	"	Hyde Park	F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq., Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., and others	3.15 p.m.
"	"	Wimbledon Common	Mothers' Meeting, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	3 p.m.
"	"	Barnet, 13, Stratford Road	Competition Evening, Mrs. Cameron-Swan	8 p.m.
"	"	London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, W.	Mrs. Leigh	3 p.m.
"	"	Paddington, St. Mark's, Marylebone Road	Mrs. Brailsford, Mr. Laurence Housman. Chair: Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
"	"	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Work Party	3 to 5 p.m.
"	"	Woolwich, Erith Co-operative Guild, Reading Room	Business Meeting	8 p.m.
"	"	26, Woolwich Common	Drawing-room Meeting, Miss Joachim. Chair: Dr. Helen Gordon Clark	2.30 p.m.
"	"	Barnet, Even Hall	Work Party	2.30 p.m.
"	"	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Committee Meeting	5.30 p.m.
"	"	Nutford Place, Edgware Road, W.	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
"	"	Streatham, 6, Strawberry Road	Miss Elia Myers	8 p.m.
"	"	Wanstead, 13, Richmond Road	Miss Evelyn Sharp. Chair: Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	8 p.m.
"	"	Wimbledon, 9, Victoria Crescent	Work Party	8.15 p.m.
"	"	Chelsea, 308, King's Road	Work Party	3 to 6 p.m.
"	"	Ilford, Chadwell Heath	Miss Fook, Mrs. Barfield	8 p.m.
"	"	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Mrs. Israel Zangwill, Victor Duval	8 p.m.
"	"	Lambeth, 60, Hackford Road	Req. Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	8 p.m.
"	"	Paddington, 50, Praed Street	Mrs. Miller. Work Party	8 p.m.
"	"	Streatham, 34, Hopton Road	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., Miss Evelyn Sharp	8 p.m.
"	"	Upper Holloway, Giesbach Road	Work Party	3 to 6 p.m.
"	"	Wimbledon, Lecture Hall, Lingfield Road	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Lee	7.45 p.m.
"	"	Hampstead, 178, Finchley Road	Miss Leslie Hall, Miss Harley	8 p.m.
"	"	Ilford, 25, Belmont Road	Jumble Sale	2 to 9 p.m.
"	"	Stalway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, Portman Square	Mrs. Bouvier, Miss Rogers	8 p.m.
"	"	Streatham, 27, Copely Park	Miss Hallie Guthrie	8 p.m.
"	"	4, Clements Inn	Women's Meeting, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mrs. Corbett-Ashby	8 p.m.
"	"	Croydon, Katherine Street	Rev. A. L. Lilley	3 p.m.
"	"	Raling, 106, Northcroft Road	Work Party	3 to 6 p.m.
"	"	Harrow Road, Prince of Wales (outside)	Miss Barry	8 p.m.
"	"	New Barnet		
"	"	Paddington Green, St. Mary's		
"	"	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road		
"	"	Tufnell Park Tube, Boston		

Thursday, November 18, Albert Hall Meeting, 8 p.m.

Sale to-morrow (Saturday) should beat the schools by 2.15. Those who can help in the morning with sorting and pricing will be welcome about 11. A very large attendance is expected at the Willoughby Road Rooms on Saturday, October 28, to hear Miss Evelyn Sharp and Mr. Laurence Housman. The local Union greatly regrets the loss of Mr. and Mrs. George Rose, who are shortly leaving the neighbourhood. Mrs. Rose is heartily thanked for her kind present of comfortable chairs for the shops and many other useful things. Acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Bull, £2 4s. 6d.; Mrs. George Gulich, 5s.; Miss Caird, 2s.; Mrs. Child, 10s. Mrs. Hicks addressed a large and interested crowd on the Heath on Sunday morning. Miss G. Batson was in the chair.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 88, Cranbrook Road.
The sewing meetings have been most successful. Mrs. Whitton has kindly undertaken the buying and cutting out of material, and several subscribers have been received. Miss Putmore, 7, Cleveland Road, is in charge of all Christmas Fête matters. There was a very large audience at Balfour Road on Saturday, and papers sold well.

ISLINGTON.

Office—347, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley.
The annual general meeting will be held at the office on Friday next (see programme). As Mrs. Drummond has promised to be present, it is hoped that all members will attend. Miss Moulden has kindly volunteered to hold work parties for the Blouse Stall at the office on Wednesday evenings. Will all who can assist in this way do their best to be present?

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington W. Tel. 2116 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp.
A member of Committee has kindly offered a second and third prize in addition to the £1 already offered for the greatest number of papers sold by any one seller before December 2—2nd prize, "The Story of the Weathercock", 3rd prize, a paper-seller's bag. Canvassing proceeds space, and sympathisers are being found who will take the paper or help with the Christmas Fair. Will those able to deliver circular letters kindly apply to Shop? The Hon. Sec. is always there on Tuesday afternoon, the Hon. Treasurer on Fridays, and other members of Committee on other days. Miss Swan has kindly offered to give a drawing-room meeting at which Dr. Flora Murray will speak, and the next monthly At Home will be held on Wednesday afternoon, November 1, at 29, Palace Gate, W., by the kindness of Mrs. Wilfrid Stokes. Miss Muriel Thompson will be the principal speaker; invitations can be obtained at the Shop. Miss Amy G. Birch, Miss Norma Collie and Mrs. Tabman-Goldie are warmly welcomed as new members; Miss Heckels and Mr. G. H. M. Skues have very generously promised copies of their books for the Christmas Fair. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Andrews, the Misses Armistead, Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Balfour, Mrs. Michael Cababé, Mrs. Cameron Grant, Mrs. Corbould, Mrs. Pallett Cox, Mrs. Fackin, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. J. F. Henderson, Miss Kraft, Mrs. Sidney, Mrs. Muriel Silver, the Misses E. and L. Vane, Jumble Sale parcels: Miss G. Boyd, 2s. 6d.; Miss Norma Collie, 5s.; Miss Lamont, 1s., and Mrs. Tabman-Goldie, £1 1s.

LAMBETH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. M. Hawkins, 60, Hackford Road, Brixton.
Mrs. Steer, 321, Coldharbour Lane, has Votes for Women always on sale, and displays a poster. Members and friends are invited to attend next Wednesday's meeting (see Programme).

LEWISHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier.
Office—52, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham.
At Home, Tuesdays, 3 to 5, and Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m. Members and friends are urged to attend the general meeting to-day (Friday—see programme), when the

annual report will be read and Mrs. Drummond will give an address. More Jumbles are needed. Please send them (carriage paid) to Miss Leigh, 62, Manor Park, Lee. Gratefully acknowledged: B. Duval, Esq. (travelling expenses), 10d. Mr. Duval held a Sunday meeting at the Catford tram terminus on Sunday, and sold several copies of Votes for Women. Members are requested to attend the Sunday meetings to support the speakers, and to help with paper-sales and the distribution of handbills.

NORTH ISLINGTON AND HORNSEY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryer, 49, Tufnell Park, N.
Mrs. Ayrton Gould addressed a successful meeting at Giesbach Road, and Miss Guthrie, at Hornsey Road, to Saturday night. The first of the winter series of drawing room meetings will take place on Nov. 9. Names of speakers and hostesses will be announced shortly and invitations sent out. It is hoped that each of the nine At Homes will be in a different neighbourhood, so as to vary the audiences and bring in strangers. The Secretary urges Highgate, Muswell Hill, and Harringay members to come forward as chairmen both at outdoor and indoor meetings. Gratefully acknowledged contributions for Fête: Miss Wentworth, Miss Speight, Mrs. Gosholt, Miss Marks, Miss Candie, Mrs. Eli, Miss Hoffmeister, Miss Connelly, and Miss Murphy; and for kind promises, Mrs. Osmond, Miss Meakin, Miss Henly and Mrs. Renalt; to Miss Jackson for £2. Further contributions should be sent to Mrs. Fox, 33 Ashley Road, Crouch Hill, local Fête Secretary.

N.W. LONDON.

Office—315, High Road, Kilburn, Tel. 1183, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Fann Gaskell.
To celebrate the second birthday of this Union Mrs. Israel Zangwill has very kindly promised to give her charming lecture "Aunt Sallica" at the Athenaeum, High Road, Kilburn, on November 6. The Actresses' Franchise League have arranged a delightful programme for the second half of the evening. Will members not only keep themselves free but help to make the meeting a huge success. Please call at the office for tickets. Wednesday's meeting was well attended, Mrs. A. J. Webb was the speaker. Speakers are much needed to take debates, to speak at mothers' meetings, and to explain the Conciliation Bill at local political meetings. More Jumbles will be gladly received.

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—50, Praed Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Haverfield.
Many thanks to members and friends who have kindly sent goods for the Stall. Dr. Christine Murrell, 88, Porchester Terrace, W., is going to be At Home every Thursday, from 3 to 6 p.m., and cordially invites all members to come and work. She has many charming patterns to be made into cushions. The local clergy are still being canvassed for permission to address mothers' meetings, and several have been arranged.

RICHMOND AND KINGSTON.

Or. aniser—Miss Greenwood, 27, Hampstead Way, Hendon, M.W.

Members have started work in earnest for the win of a campaign. Two drawing-room meetings are promised and work is on foot for the Fête and Fair. Miss Slade, 4, Pagoda Avenue, has kindly consented to act as secretary, and would be glad to have the names of any who are interested and would help with the work. Money is needed, and Miss Greenwood would be glad to receive subscriptions. Albert Hall tickets may be had from Miss Slade, Mrs. Bunnet Stockholm, and the organiser.

STREATHAM.

Shop and Office—3, Shrubbery Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.
Please attend the important business meeting on Tuesday next (see programme). Stewards are to be chosen for the Toy Stall and final arrangements concerning costumes, etc., have to be made. Will those willing to call bring a list of days they can give

this will simplify matters. The outdoor Sunday meetings on Streatham Common will be discontinued. Miss Reivers is thanked for delicious cakes.

WEST HAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss D. M. Hooper, 116, Windsor Road. In order to obtain funds (which are at present very urgently needed) to carry on the winter's work, it has been decided to hold a Jumble Sale early in November. Will all members and friends keep this sale in mind and send their contributions as soon as possible to Miss Healey, 386, High Street North, Manor Park. Will members note that paper-sellers will be very welcome at all open air meetings.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop and Office—3, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1092, P.O. Wimbledon.
Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Marton, Surrey.

A very interesting series of meetings has been arranged at the Lecture Hall, Longfield Road, Wimbledon Common. Members must do their utmost to make them a great success. Posters (two sizes), handbills, as well as programme cards and tickets can be obtained at the office. Sandwich carriers are urgently needed for Tuesdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in North Wimbledon. Will volunteers apply without delay to Miss Lee, who is in charge of all advertising arrangements? Next Wednesday's subject will be "Aunt Sallies" (see programme). Jumble parcels are coming in more quickly now and if those members who wish to have their parcels collected will notify the earliest date on which the cart may call arrangements will be made to collect them. All parcels should be addressed to Dorset Hall and marked "Jumble." A list of stewards will be found on the members' board in the office. Will volunteers bring the numbers up to 20? The assistance of the associates on this occasion will be specially appreciated. If those members who wish to have "Veda" bread regularly will intimate this to the shop steward a sufficient supply can be ensured in the future and disappointment avoided. Albert Hall tickets should be secured at once either through the office or at the meetings. Miss Mabel Atkinson held a good audience on the Common on Sunday. In the Broadway on Saturday evening the Men's League held a joint meeting with the W.S.P.U., which was well attended. Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Huggett were the speakers and Mr. Herbert Jacobs was in the chair. Leaflets were distributed, and Votes for Women sold well. A collection was also taken.

Home Counties.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Office—231, Old Christchurch Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss N. Blackledge.

Debates on Woman's Suffrage will take place in the Unitarian Church Lecture Hall, West Hill Road, on Oct. 25, and in Pokesdown Technical Hall on Oct. 31. Mrs. Louis Fagan and Mrs. Kineton Parkes will speak at Freedom Hall, West Cliff Gardens, on Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. Admission free. Mrs. Drummond will speak in St. Peter's Hall on Oct. 28, at 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4883 Nat.
Organiser—Miss G. Allen.

General Drummond's Saturday and Sunday Meetings were a great success—the collections being the largest as yet this season. The speaker next week-end will be Madame Bouvier. Members are reminded that the Fancy Fair work parties have already commenced. Particulars in connection with the Brighton Stall can be obtained at the office. Friends and members are cordially invited to the work party at 13, Victoria Road on Monday next at 7.45 p.m.

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, Trevorra, 30, Bouverie Road West, Folkestone.

The next important event is the Folkestone Town Hall Meeting, on Wednesday, November 8, at 8 p.m., at which Miss Vida Goldstein and Miss Clemence Houseman will speak. Members are asked to do their best to make this meeting a great success. During the temporary absence of Miss Key, the Folkestone Literature Secretary, Mrs. Hartly, has kindly undertaken to be her deputy. A capital meeting was held last Saturday at St. Stephen's Lodge, Canterbury. Many thanks to the hostess, Mrs. Horsley, also to Mrs. Paine, who has kindly offered to hold one at Garfield, London Road, Canterbury, on Monday, October 30, at 3.15 p.m. All are cordially invited.

HITCHIN, LETCHWORTH, & DISTRICT.

Hon. Secs. Mrs. Goodliffe, Elm Tree House, Letchworth; Mrs. E. B. Impey, 2, Whinbush Road, Hitchin.

Saturday's debate was a great success. Miss Douglas Smith speaking for the Conciliation Bill, Mr. C. Purdon against. A motion put to the meeting resulted in an overwhelming majority for the Bill as it stands. A whist drive and social, in aid of Fête and Fair funds, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25. Members are asked to induce their friends to purchase tickets, and to do all they can to make this well known. Tickets are for sale from any committee member. Miss Porter asks for contributions towards refreshment, either in money or kind. Please keep Oct. 28 free, as it is hoped to have a full meeting on the occasion of Miss Crocker's visit. Oct. 23.—19, Westholm Green, Work Party, 3.7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25.—Leys' High School, Whist Drive, 7.30 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 61, Oxford Street, Southampton.

Please note the Whist Drive (in aid of the funds) will be held to-morrow (Saturday). Tickets, 1s., on application. Contributions towards refreshments are invited. Southampton members are asked to make a point of attending the sewing meeting on Tuesday (see below) as important matters in connection with the autumn work will be discussed. Jumble Sales will be held in both towns on Sat., Nov. 4. Friends are asked to *bring a bag of old clothes*, without fail, saying what they can give. A big indoor meeting will be held in Southampton on Nov. 14, and one is also being arranged for Portsmouth before Christmas. Contributions towards the local campaign are urgently needed. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Warner, 1s.; a Friend (towards Jumble Sale), 2s. 6d.
Fri., Oct. 20.—Southampton, 61, Oxford Street, Drawing-room meeting, Mrs. Pertwee, Hostess; Mrs. Welch, 3.30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21.—Portsmouth, 4, Pelham Road, Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 23.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 7.15 p.m.
Tue., Oct. 24.—Southampton, 62, Bedford Place, Sewing meeting, 4.7 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 25.—Southampton, Clock Tower, 7.30 p.m.

READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office—49, Market Place.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss O. L. Cobb.

Miss Dale and Mr. Victor Duval spoke in St. Mary's Butts last Friday evening. A meeting there will take place every Friday. The shop is also open at the same time. Volunteers are wanted for both places. Members are asked not to forget the sewing meetings on Tuesday and Friday at 2.30. Mrs. Brewster has most kindly sent a hamper of apples, which are on sale at the shop.
Friday, Oct. 20.—St. Mary's Butts, 8 p.m.

REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Gether, The Red Cottage, Cammish Road.

The first of a series of lectures arranged for the winter will take place in the Lecture Room, on Wednesday,

October 25. Gratefully acknowledged for sweet stall Miss Hardy, 2s.; per Miss Ford, 1s.; Miss Quinton, 6s.; Miss Dyce Sharpe, 1s. 6d.; Miss Richmond, 2s.; J. L. Cather, Esq., 2s.
Wed., Oct. 25.—Carlton Room, Mrs. Cather, 8 p.m.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Riland, "Mlowers."

Every one is looking forward with much interest to a visit from Mrs. Drummond in the near future, and in order to make the meeting a great success (it being the first women's public meeting held in the neighbourhood) all available help from members and sympathisers will be required. Out-door meetings are held every Tuesday, at 7 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 26.—"Mlowers," Members' Meeting, 8 p.m.

WEST AND NORTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss Evelyn Billing.
Office: The Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells.

The Great Hall meeting takes place on Tuesday next (see below). Tickets, price 2s. (numbered and reserved), 1s. and 6d. and 3d., are on sale at the office, and at Mr. Pelton's, Broadway, and the Pantiles. Every hour that members can give for distributing handbills in the streets is most valuable. Weather permitting, the advertising cavalcade contingent will parade the town on Saturday morning.
Sat., Oct. 21.—Little Mount Zion, 11.30; Five Ways, 7.30.
Tues., Oct. 24.—Great Hall, Miss Vivia Goldstein, Miss Naylor; chair: Miss Ethel Wedgwood, 8 p.m.

WOKING.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Horace Barrett, Maybury Croft, Heathside.

After Mrs. Pankhurst's splendid meeting two weeks ago it was decided to start a local W.S.P.U., to carry on the work so well begun in the district. A meeting was held on Monday, October 16, when Mrs. Barrett kindly lent her drawing-room for the occasion. New members were enrolled, and £1 7s. was subscribed to local funds. It was decided that a canvass of the women municipal voters should be undertaken. Miss Ingram consented to help Mrs. Barrett with secretarial work. Tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on November 16 may now be obtained from the hon. sec. Best thanks to the following for donations:—Dr. Ethel Smyth, 5s.; Mrs. Pott, 5s.; Miss Ingram, 5s.; Mrs. Barrett, 5s.; Miss Kneller, 5s.; Mrs. Cleave, 2s. 6d.; Miss Wilkinson, 1s.; Miss Muspratt, 1s.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—97, John Bright Street. Tel. 1443 Midland.
Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

Please note there will be no meeting at Queen's College on Wednesday, October 25. Volunteers are needed for poster parading and for minding the office. Canvassers for the weekly meetings are needed. Members are reminded that the Fair and Fête is drawing near, and are asked to send all goods for the stall (jewellery preferred) to Miss Green, at above address.
Wed., Oct. 25.—Handsworth Brotherhood. Speaker, Miss Dorothy Evans.

COVENTRY, LEAMINGTON, WARWICK, RUGBY, AND STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Office—33, Earl Street, Coventry. Organiser—Miss Markwick.

A most interesting meeting was held at the Priory Assembly Rooms on Thursday last. Miss Hicks was the speaker. Many thanks to the Misses Simmons who kindly took over the entire management of these Thursday meetings. It is hoped all Leamington members will rally round Miss Bull, and make their fortnightly meetings as successful as the one addressed by Mrs. Zangwill. They are also asked to sell tickets for Lord Lytton's meeting in the Winter Hall, Leamington, on November 7. Coventry members must do all in their power to make Lord Lytton's meeting at the Baths, on November 2, a great success. Miss King is very kindly placing her artistic capabilities at the disposal of the W.S.P.U. Miss Peak and Miss Bull have started the Broadgate paper-selling for the winter.
Thurs., Oct. 26.—Priory Assembly Rooms, Miss Evans, 3 p.m.

ILKESTON.

The first sewing meeting was held at the White House by the kindness of Miss Lewis. Mrs. Carter has kindly undertaken the cutting out. Gratefully acknowledged, Mrs. Ormond, 6s. Ilkeston will suffer a great loss when Mrs. Fred Fletcher leaves. She has been an indefatigable secretary, and has worked wonders in forming the branch, getting new members, and permanent subscribers to Votes for Women. Mr. Fletcher, too, has been a very good friend to the Cause, and they will both be much missed.
Monday, Oct. 23.—1, Rutland Street, Sewing Meeting.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel.: 1715 Leicester. Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

An active campaign has now begun in Northamptonshire. Miss C. Swain and Miss Corcoran join Miss Miller very soon, to work up meetings in Thrapston, Kettering, and surrounding district. In Leicestershire, the next event of importance is Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's visit on Nov. 22 and 23. Meanwhile, let every member put her back into the task of furnishing the Christmas Fair and Fête stall; every member has not as yet volunteered for work. Money is urgently needed for the material fund—about £10. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Marriott, 2s. 6d.; W. F. Folwell, Esq., 10s. A gift of materials from Mrs. Brightland was much appreciated. The loan of a small table for use in the upstairs room would be gratefully received.
Fri., Oct. 20 and Fri. Oct. 27.—Leicester, G.F.S. Room, St. Martin's, sewing meeting, 3–9 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 25.—St. Mark's Suffrage Group, Miss V. Hughes, 8 p.m.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Corcoran, Castledine Street.

In order to help the Leicester Christmas Fête and Fair stall, it has been arranged to hold weekly sewing meetings in Loughborough. The first of these will be held to-day (Friday) at 2.30, at above address. Will members who cannot attend help by sending donations, however small, in money, or in suitable material?

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—5, Carlton Street. Tel. 511.
Organisers—Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker.

An attractive list of speakers has been arranged for the fortnightly meetings. Members are asked to distribute the bills and to make the meetings widely known. Miss Burgis is most anxious that promises of contributions to the Rummage Sale should be sent to her at 5, Carlton Street. Several additional shopkeepers are urgently needed. Will those who can undertake this most important service please communicate with Mrs. Shaw either at the shop or 448, Mansfield Road? More workers are always welcome at the sewing meetings. Tea is served at 4.45. The loan of another machine would be a great help.
Fri., Oct. 20.—193, Wollaton Street, Sewing Meeting, Mrs. Morell, 3.45 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21.—Burton Buildings, Parliament Street, Commercial and Dealing Society, 2.30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 23.—Ilkeston, 11, Rutland Street, Sewing Meeting, Mrs. Richards, 3 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 24.—448, Mansfield Road, Sewing Meeting, Mrs. Shaw, 3.45 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 26.—44, New Road, Sewing Meeting, Miss Evans, 3.45 p.m.

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TAMWORTH.

Organiser—Miss Gladys Hazel, 12, Heath Street, Tamworth.

Mr. Reginald Tolson has kindly lent the Boy Scouts' Hall in Fazeley for an indoor meeting. Members and friends who live too far out to be able to get into Tamworth will be able to attend the meeting there.

WELLINGBOROUGH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Parr, Welbys Grange, Wellingborough.

A most successful meeting was held in the Central Hall on October 18, when Miss Goldstein met with a most enthusiastic reception. The next meeting will be held at the British Women's Temperance Hall on Wednesday, November 1, at 8 p.m. Speakers: Miss Crocker and Miss Dorothy Pethick. Help, financial or otherwise, is urgently needed; will friends willing to assist apply to the secretary.

West of England.

BATH.

Shop—12, Walcot St. Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

A large and sympathetic crowd, mostly of men, attended the Saw Close meeting on Friday evening. At the suggestion and with the help of a teacher member, a copy of Votes for Women, containing Miss Jane Craig's speech, has been sent to teachers representative of every school in Bath. Thanks to those who contributed to this. Efforts must now be concentrated on making Saturday's meeting at the Assembly Rooms a great success; also on the Jumble Sale, for which more contributions are needed. The work is now being divided into departments. Warm thanks to Mrs. Cave, who has undertaken to see to all the printing and advertising, and to Mrs. Davis, who will superintend arrangements for tea at the weekly meeting. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Strangways (quarterly subscription), 10s., and present of flowers for shop. Contributions from Mrs. Cecil Paget, Miss Evelyn Sharp, and Miss Steward; Mrs. Peplow, £1; Miss Blithway, £1.
Fri., Oct. 20.—Saw Close, Mrs. Dove Wilcox, 8 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 21.—Assembly Rooms, Lady Stout, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, Chair: Mrs. Louis Fagan, 3.30 p.m. Shop Jumble Sale, 8.9 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27.—Saw Close, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 28.—Assembly Rooms, Miss Margaret Cameron, Chair: Mrs. Mansel, 3.30 p.m.

BRISTOL.

Office—57, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1345.
Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Dove Wilcox.

Last Monday's At Home was well attended, and the Rev. Ivory Cripps speech was listened to with keen interest. Municipal canvassers are still hard at work. A successful poster parade, to advertise Miss Evelyn Sharp's meeting, took place last Friday, and numbers of Votes for Women were sold. Will members please concentrate on making the Christmas Fair a success? Forster parades every Thursday at 4 p.m., and Friday mornings at 11 a.m. Will members make an effort to attend these?

Mon., Oct. 23.—Victoria Rooms, Miss Isabel Seymour, 3.30 p.m.

FALMOUTH AND PENRYN.

Hon. Organiser, Mrs. F. Corbett, The Bungalow. Certain of the women of Falmouth and Penryn have determined, on their own initiative, to form a W.S.P.U. Mrs. Dove Wilcox has kindly consented to give a few days to starting the Union and will address two meetings, one in Falmouth and one in Penryn. It is hoped that a Suffrage lending library will also be opened. Fortnightly social evenings will be held, when members will discuss the latest news of the political situation.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Organiser—Miss Flatman, Oak Villa, Stratford Road, Stroud.

Miss G. Brackenbury spoke at two evening meetings, which as usual were splendid, the resolutions being carried "nem con." Suggestions for the "Woolley" stall and lengths of dress-gown material will be welcomed. Donations are urgently needed and those who cannot send articles are invited to send cash.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. du Santoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe.

Hon. Lit. Secretary—Miss Hall, Nursing Home, Larkston, Ilfracombe.
The Secretary has had promises of help for the Bag and Basket Stall. Will others also make at least one bag or send a contribution to her? Members please attend the work-party (see below). Material will be provided.
Wed., Oct. 25.—St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, 3 p.m.

TORQUAY AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Miss Hutton, Redlands, Paignton.

The Work Party on Wednesday, October 25, will be held at Redlands, Paignton at 2.30. Members please note these work parties are held every week on Wednesday, and helpers are always welcome. One lady has kindly offered to teach basket making, and some enthusiastic members are already busy at work.

WEST WILTS.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Dove Wilcox, Miss E. Gramlick, Springfield, Millerton Road, Trowbridge.

Will members concentrate their energies on Lord Lytton's meeting at the Town Hall on November 30, and the Christmas Fête and Fair. There still remains 9s. to be paid on the banner. Will those members who have not already contributed be kind enough to do so at an early date?

Wales.

BARRY.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. G. Jones, 299, Gladstone Road.

Miss Barrett, B.Sc., gave a stirring address to a special meeting of women teachers on "The Need of the Vote," on Oct. 11. Great interest was shown and a spirited discussion followed. Miss Hamilton, B.Sc., very ably presided.

CARDIFF.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. Speed, Elm Cottage, Llanishan.

A meeting was held at the Assembly Rooms, Llanishan, at which Miss Douglas Smith spoke in interesting and convincing fashion. Thanks to Mrs. Downing for promise of generous help to the finances as well as valuable personal service; to Miss E. Williams, who gave her time and energy ungrudgingly during the week before the meeting; to Mrs. Hughes, who provided hospitality for Miss Douglas Smith; and to the other members who helped to make the meeting a success. The next call for workers will be for Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting at the Park Hall, November 30.

NEWPORT.

Office—11, Stow Hill, Newport. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth.

Thanks to Mrs. Finlay for giving a drawing-room meeting on Tuesday, October 10, when Miss Douglas Smith gave a very interesting address. On October 11 a crowded meeting was held at the Town Hall, Tredegar. Mr. Vaughan took the chair and Miss Douglas Smith spoke. Gratefully acknowledged: "Vale of Clwyd" Toys, 1s. Fund (Christmas Fête); Mrs. Mackworth, 3s.; Mrs. Pilliner, 3s.; Miss Harrison, 1s.; Mrs. Barkill, 1s.; Miss Powell, 1s.
Friday, Oct. 20.—Newport, Temperance Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, chair, Councillor John Nixon, 8 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 23.—11, Stow Hill, Sewing Party, 3.15 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 25.—Temperance Hall, Room No. 2, As House, 3.30 p.m.

PONTYPOOL.

Mon. Sec.—Mrs. Arthur Edmonds, Sunny Bank Pontnewydd.

On Thursday, through the kindness of Mrs. Hodley, a very successful reception was given at St. James Hall. There was a large attendance to hear Miss Douglas Smith, who made a very convincing speech. Miss Barrett and Mrs. Mackworth also spoke. In the evening a very well attended open-air meeting was addressed by Miss Douglas Smith and Miss Barrett in the Market Square. The audience listened with great attention and many copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. Thanks to Miss Wilton for all her help. It is hoped to hold a great many more open-air meetings in the district. Miss Barrett is making Pontypool her headquarters for some time and will be glad to receive offers of help from members and sympathisers in the neighbourhood.

Eastern Counties.**GLACTON-ON-SEA.**

Shop—47, Rosemary Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Lilley, Holland House.

For the next few days all efforts must be concentrated on making the Winter Gardens meeting on October 23 a great success. Members can help by selling tickets beforehand, distributing bills, and making the meeting well known among their friends. The success of the meeting will largely depend on the united help of each individual member.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop—Dial Lane, Ipswich. Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich. Shop Sec.—Miss King.

Members and friends are asked to make Mr. Hinscliff's visit a great success. Tea is being provided for the evening meeting (see below), and cakes, biscuits, tea, milk, sugar and butter will be most acceptable. Provisions should be addressed to Miss King and delivered at the Shop not later than Tuesday morning. Mr. Hinscliff will also address an At Home in Ipswich on Tuesday afternoon by the kindness of Mrs. John May, and on Wednesday afternoon in Felixstowe by the kindness of Mrs. Gilling.

Fri. Oct. 20.—Gorleston-on-Sea, Ferry-side, work party, 3-5.30 p.m.

Tues. Oct. 24.—Felixstowe, Sorrento, Leopold Road, work party, 2.30-5.30 p.m. Ipswich, Broughton Place, At Home, The Rev. Claude Hinscliff, Hostess: Mrs. John May, 3 p.m. St. Michael's Parish Room (St. Margaret's Ward), The Rev. Claude Hinscliff, 8 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 25.—Felixstowe, Woodcroft, Bath Road, At Home, the Rev. Claude Hinscliff, Hostess: Mrs. Gilling, 3 p.m.

MARCH.

Organiser—Miss Grace Roe. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Levett, Broad Street, March.

Members and friends will be glad to hear that Miss Vida Goldstein will visit March on Friday, November 10, and will speak in the Public Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets and handbills are already issued, and help of every kind will be welcomed by Mrs. Levett who is most kindly undertaking all the secretarial work.

North-Eastern Counties.**BRADFORD.**

Office—68, Manningham Lane. Phone 5038.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Beldon, 9, Walmer Villas.

The substantial sum of £24 was realised by the Jumble Sale. Thanks to Miss Wilson and helpers and to everyone who contributed in any way to make the Sale so successful. Will all members make a special effort to work for the meeting on October 25. Success depends absolutely on individual effort.

Sat. Oct. 21.—68, Manningham Lane, Miss Seymour.
Mon. Oct. 23.—68, Manningham Lane, At Home, Miss Beldon, 4.6 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 25.—Mechanics' Institute, 8.15 p.m.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD.
Organiser—Miss Annie Williams, 1, Fitzwilliam St. West, Huddersfield.

A large and representative audience filled the Parochial Hall on Oct. 13; Miss Lowenthal introduced the organiser, who received a warm welcome. The collection was good. Will Halifax members who are making Christmas Fair articles send them, when finished, to Dr. Helena Jones, 3, Rhodesia Avenue, and Huddersfield members to Miss Williams, or to Miss Lowenthal, The Grange? The organiser hopes that all members in both towns and district will call on or write to her. Everyone must concentrate now on making Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting on Friday, Nov. 3, a success. Volunteers are wanted for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN. Copies can be obtained from Miss Lettice Floyd, 1, Fitzwilliam Street. Many thanks to Miss Kilburn for 15s. Subscriptions should be sent to the organiser.

Tues., Oct. 24.—Sowerby Bridge, Women's Co-operative Guild, Miss Annie Williams, 8 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27.—Huddersfield, Parochial Hall, Mrs. Josiah Lockwood, Miss Annie Williams, 3.30 p.m.

HARROGATE.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Hughes, 46, Oley Road.

Lady Meyer, who is so well known as an authority on the conditions of woman's work, and as joint author with Miss Clementina Black, of "The Makers of Our Clothes," will take as her subject "The Sweated Worker" at Thursday's meeting (see below). Will all who can, distribute invitation cards, particularly amongst women householders, apply to Miss Hughes? **Thurs., Oct. 26.—Salisbury Hotel, Lady Meyer, 8 p.m.**

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.
(pro tem.) 23, Hawthorn View, Chapel-town, Leeds.

As Lord Lytton and Miss Goldstein will visit Leeds on October 31, the eve of the municipal elections, it is felt that the meeting should specially appeal to those women who, as householders, are entitled to exercise the municipal vote, and members are asked to make a special canvass of these women, and special leaflets for distribution may be had from the organiser. Miss Mary Neal has kindly promised to open the office on Tuesday next (see below). Refreshments will be served, and gifts of cake, etc., are again invited. Mrs. Walter Dodgson reports good progress with the Bazaar Stall work.

Sun. Oct. 22.—North West Leeds, S.D.P., 252, Meanwood Road, Miss Mary Phillips, 7 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 23.—Beeston Hill, 16, Hird Street, Sewing Party, 7.30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 24.—Leeds, 3, Cookridge Street, opening of office, Miss Mary Neal, 7.30 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth.

Two most successful At Homes have been held this week in Sunderland and South Shields through the kindness of Mrs. Taylor and Lady Parsons. Lady Muir Mackenzie gave most interesting addresses on the position of Indian women. Members were made at both meetings. Members are urged to offer to bill the theatre queues and to canvass to advertise Miss Pankhurst's meeting. Mrs. Crow is holding a Jumble Sale in Jarrow on October 23. Members are reminded to keep November 15 free for the Annual Social evening in Jarrow. Madame Bellas Simpson is very kindly keeping on her singing practices, and has promised to arrange a concert for the Bazaar on October 30. The winning Raffle number for Mrs. Crow's kitten is 89. Volunteers are wanted for the poster parades to-morrow and next Wednesday and Thursday, also for stewarding at the Town Hall; they are asked to wear white if possible and must be at the Hall by 6.30.

Fri., Oct. 20.—Hawthorn Works Potts Banks 1.30 p.m.; Byker Bank, 6.30 p.m.; Potts Street Shields Road, 8 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 21.—Office, Work Party, 3 p.m.; Haymarket, 7.30 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 23.—Elswick Steel Works, 12.30 p.m.; Durham Ox Cattle Market, 7.30 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 24.—Rabbit, Skin and Soap Factory, 12.30 p.m.; Big Camp, Westgate Road, 7.30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 25.—Parson's Works, 12.50 p.m.; Bigg Market, 7.30 p.m.; Office, Choir Practice, 7.30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 26.—Electric Light Factory, 12.30 p.m.; Clara Street, Benwell, 8 p.m.; Poster Parade, 6.30 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 27.—Newcastle, Town Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B. Chair: Sir Francis Blake, 8 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.

Shop—39, Huntriss Row.
Hon. Sec.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley.

Owing to Miss Adela Pankhurst's departure, some changes have had to be made, and at a members' meeting the following officers were elected. Hon. Secretary, Dr. Marion Mackenzie, Hon. Treasurer, Miss Ada Suffield, Speakers' Secretary, Miss Bremner, Literature Secretary, Miss Hudson Harvey, VOTES FOR WOMEN Secretary, Miss N. Vickerman, Open-air Secretary, Mrs. Warrell. On Friday, Oct. 13, a meeting in support of Tax Resistance was held at the shop; splendid speeches were made by Mrs. Louis Fagan and Mrs. Kineton Parkes. Miss Bremner took the chair. Contributions of secondhand clothing, household utensils, etc., for a Jumble Sale (date will be announced later) will be welcomed, and may be sent to the shop.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Office—26-28, Chapel Walk, Sheffield.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Coxhill.

Mrs. Zangwill's meeting, which was the first arranged by the local Union, was a great success in every way. A resolution was passed enthusiastically, expressing most grateful appreciation of the splendid work Miss Adela Pankhurst and Mrs. Archdale have done for the women of Sheffield, and members are determined to carry on to the best of their ability the work begun by them. Lady Isabel Margesson will be in Sheffield from October 24 to 27, during which time several Drawing-room Meetings have been arranged by influential local people. Members are invited to meet Lady Margesson at the shop on Tuesday next at 8 p.m. Miss Goldstein will speak at Cutler's Hall on November 2. Tickets, prices 1s. and 6d., to be had at 26, Chapel Walk. A sewing meeting is held at the shop every Wednesday, beginning at 3 p.m. Members are invited to bring their friends to have tea at the shop.

YORK.

Office—8, New Street, Telephone, 692.
Organiser—Miss Key-Jones.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 33, Melbourne Street.
Mr. B. Lasker addressed a most successful meeting in the office on Saturday evening. Canvassers are wanted to call upon the women householders before the municipal Elections. Please attend the sewing meetings on Wednesdays.

Saturday, Oct. 21.—8, New Street, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25.—Sewing meeting, tea 5 p.m.

North-Western Counties.**BIRKENHEAD.**

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingamead Road, 8.

Members are urged to take part in the municipal canvass, and to let Mrs. Abraham have their names immediately.

Friday, Oct. 27.—Oxton Conservative Club Hall, Miss Vida Goldstein, Professor Benjamin Moore, M.A., D.Sc., Miss Alice Davies. Chair: Leslie Elmslie, Esq., J.P., 8 p.m.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton.

Members please make an effort to attend Monday's meeting as there are many things to arrange.

Mon., Oct. 23.—Heatherlands, Chorley New Road.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—11, Renshaw Street, Tel.: 3761 Royal.
Organiser—Miss Davison.

At the meeting on Wednesday, October 27, Mrs. Louis Fagan, spoke most impressively on the need for woman's work and influence in social reform, and Mrs. Kineton Parkes explained the work and methods of the Tax Resistance League.

Thurs., Oct. 26.—Ormskirk Institute, Miss Vida Goldstein, the Rev. Harry Youlton. Chair: The Rev. A. J. Lee, 8 p.m.

MANCHESTER.

Office—32, King Street, W.
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Williamson.

The office hours are from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock each day except Saturday, and members' meetings are held each Thursday at 8 o'clock. Friends are asked to apply at once to Miss Bertha Lee at above address for admission programmes (price 6d. each) for the social evening on October 28, 7.30 to 10 o'clock. Two plays will be given, "How the Vote was Won" and "An Englishwoman's Home." It is expected that the guest of the evening will be Miss Annie Kenney. There are still a few articles of furniture in the office for which purchasers are wanted. They can be seen any day during office hours.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 24, Winckley Square, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.

Miss Vida Goldstein will speak to teachers and friends at the Lancaster Road Congregational Church

Lecture Hall, on Saturday, Oct. 28. Chairman, R. A. Holden, Esq. (member N.U.T.). Discussion open. Admission free. Collection.

ROCHDALE.

Office—2a, Baillie Street. Hon. Lit. Sec.—Mrs. M. Stott, 10, Mayfair Gardens, Rochdale.

Members are reminded of the meeting to be held to-morrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m. It is hoped every member will do her utmost to attend.

Scotland.**ABERDEEN.**

Hon. Sec.—Miss Lucy Nicholson, 53, Queen's Road.

A most successful open-air meeting was held at the Wallace Monument on Saturday, October 14. Miss Gorrie made an excellent speech to a very sympathetic audience, and numbers of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. Bills announcing Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting were also distributed. Tickets may be obtained from the secretary, and it is hoped that members will sell as many as possible and help to make the meeting a great success.

Wed., Oct. 25.—Music Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 8 p.m.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—61, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Tuesday, Oct. 10, was a busy day in Dundee. At 12 noon Miss Moorhead's silver candelabra was sold in the

Green Market, where a large and sympathetic crowd had assembled. A short meeting was held after the sale. In the afternoon, Miss Goldstein spoke at a drawing-room meeting in Broughty Ferry. Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Josephy, the hostess, on the splendid audience, and warm thanks for all her work and trouble. Miss Goldstein made a stirring speech, and at the close new members were made, and literature was sold. A very well-attended meeting was held in the office at 8 p.m., when Miss Moorhead gave an amusing account of her experiences as a tax-resister, and Miss Goldstein also spoke. On Wed., Oct. 11, Miss Goldstein helped to arouse Arbroath from its apathy on the woman's question, and those present at the meeting seemed deeply impressed with her speech. Only a few days now remain in which to insure the success of Mrs. Lawrence's meeting next Thursday. Open-air meetings and sandwich parades will be held as announced below. Members are specially requested to attend in great force for the parades. Those not parading can give out bills on the route. There will be no meeting on Wed., Oct. 25, but the office will be open until 9 p.m. for the receipt of money and unsold tickets. The names of those willing to steward are wanted as soon as possible, and volunteers are badly needed for chalking. The Jumble Sale will be held on Sat., Nov. 4, Sat., Oct. 21.—Market Stall, 2-10 p.m.; Sandwich Parade, leaves office, 7 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 23.—Foot of Hilltown, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 24.—Parade leaves Office, 3 p.m.; High School Gates, 8 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 26.—Foresters' Large Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair: Rev. C. M. Grant, D.D., 8 p.m.

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The meetings held last week for Miss Vida Goldstein

were very successful in every way. Many thanks to

Mrs. Blair and Miss Giechris for their help at Had-

dington. The great autumn meeting for Mrs. Pethick

Lawrence is on Tuesday. Will members do their

utmost to have the Synod Hall packed to overflowing?

Miss Margaret Kennedy is very kindly forming a

choir to sing the "March of the Women." Stewards,

bill-distributors and canvassers are wanted; will those

willing to help in this way please give in their names

at the office. The municipal canvass of the Morning-

side Ward is going on steadily, and so far, women

householders have shown themselves emphatically in

favour of the Conciliation Bill. The Municipal

Elections are coming on, and the opportunity will

be taken to hold meetings in the different wards.

Tuesday, Oct. 24. Synod Hall, Regent St. Mrs. Pethick

Lawrence, R. J. Mackenzie, Sec., M.A. Oxon.

Chair: Mrs. James Ivory, 8.15 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street.

Tel.: 618, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wylie.

On Friday last Miss Goldstein addressed two meet-

ings, one in Glasgow and one in Kilmarnock. At

Kilmarnock the good result of her influence was

immediately felt, for several volunteers came forward

to carry out the work of obtaining signatures from the

women municipal voters which it is intended to

present to Mr. Gladstone. Volunteers are still needed

for work amongst women voters in the various wards.

Members are urged to work their hardest to secure a

large and representative audience for Mrs. Pethick

Lawrence on October 27. The more strangers the

better. On Friday next, October 27, there will be no

afternoon At Home owing to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's

meetings in Stirling and Glasgow.

Fri., Oct. 23.—Charing Cross Hall, At Home, Miss

Lucy Burns, 3.15 p.m. 502, Sauchiehall Street.

Miss Lucy Burns, 8 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 27.—Athenium, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Chair: Dr. Marion Giechris, 8 p.m. Stirling.

Y.M.C.A. Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. Chair:

Mrs. Edmund Pullar, 3 p.m.

CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 62, Edith Road,

West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire,

15, Carlton Vale, Malda Vale, N.W.

There was a good attendance at the members'

meeting on October 10, and future plans were

discussed. New recruits have come forward to sell

Votes for Women at the Liverpool Street Station and

Ludgate Hill pitches, but many more are wanted.

Liverpool Street Station, in particular, is such an

important position, that there ought to be a steady

supply of sellers.

THE WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE

LEAGUE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Beattie Hutton, 55, Barners St., W.

There will be a public meeting in the Grand Hall of

the Criterion, on Thursday, November 2, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Beattie Reynolds will be in the chair. The Rev. C.

Hinscliff and Miss Lena Ashwell will speak. Miss

Auriol Lee will recite "Woman's Plea," by Mrs.

Lilian Sauter, who is a sister of Mr. John Galsworthy.

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The committee, after due consideration, have decided

that their most useful country work will have to be

seriously curtailed unless funds are forthcoming. Will

members consider the social means at their disposal

for raising money, such as a series of bridge parties,

dances, or other entertainments, and let the committee

know which they prefer, and what help they could give?

Mrs. Beattie Weaver has very kindly consented to speak

at Hythe, Nov. 1. Lady Brassey will preside. On

Tuesday, Oct. 24, Dr. Ethel Bentham will speak at the

office at Home on "Some Impressions of the Ber-

mondsey Women's Strike," and Miss Letitia Dixon will

act as hostess. Jumble Sale parcels are still needed.

Will friends remember to send them as soon as possible

to the office? The Christmas Sale has been fixed for

Tuesday, Dec. 12. The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Hartley,

is making a special feature of the Christmas Card

Stall, which will include all kinds of cards, and not

only suffrage ones, as last year.

FREE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR W.S.

Hon. Organising Secs. (pro tem.)—Mr. and Mrs.

Rogers, 4, Cholmeley Park, Highgate, N.

Hon. Corresponding Secretary—Miss Hatty Baker,

25, Harrington Villas, Hove.

A most successful meeting was held at Nottingham

on October 10, delegates to the Congregational Union

being present in large numbers, Miss Christabel

Pankhurst, Rev. T. Rhoads, Williams, Rev. B. J.

Barren, T. Malcolm Mitchell, Esq., and Mrs. E. T.

Holman taking part. A resolution was passed asking

the Congregational Union at its May Session to discuss

a resolution in support of the Conciliation Bill. On

October 13, Lady Spicer, Rev. C. Fleming Williams,

and Miss Winifred Ouliss, D.Sc., were the speakers at a

public meeting at Caxton Hall. On Tuesday next,

October 24, a public meeting will be held at Little

Iford Congregational Church Hall, High Street

North. Speakers: Miss Hatty Baker, Rev. C. H.

Poppleton, Mrs. R. M. Rogers. Chair: Rev. W. T.

Boycott.

CATHOLIC W.S. SOCIETY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Kendall, 22, Wilberforce Road,

Finsbury Park. N. Hon. Treasurer—Miss

Monica Whately, 75, Harcourt Terrace, The

Boltons, S.W.

Every effort should be made to make the public

meeting at the Small Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on

October 26, at 8 p.m., a great success. Mrs. Walter Koch,

the wife of the M.P. for Pembrokeshire, will take the

chair, and Miss Abadam and Mr. Olafson will speak.

Tickets, price 1s. Will members write at once saying

what help they can give? Funds are urgently needed.

Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Jeffery, 10s. 6d.; Miss

Gallaher, 10s.; Miss Carmela White, 10s.; Mrs.

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The following meetings have been arranged:—

Oct. 20.—Hove, Drawing-room meeting, 17, "The

Drive," Miss Allen, and Miss Kate Close, on

Prison Reform, 6 p.m.

Oct. 24.—Paddington, Drawing-room meeting, 8,

Warwick Avenue, Mrs. Mumford, Discussion

meeting, 3 p.m.

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